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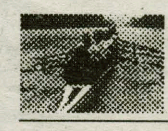

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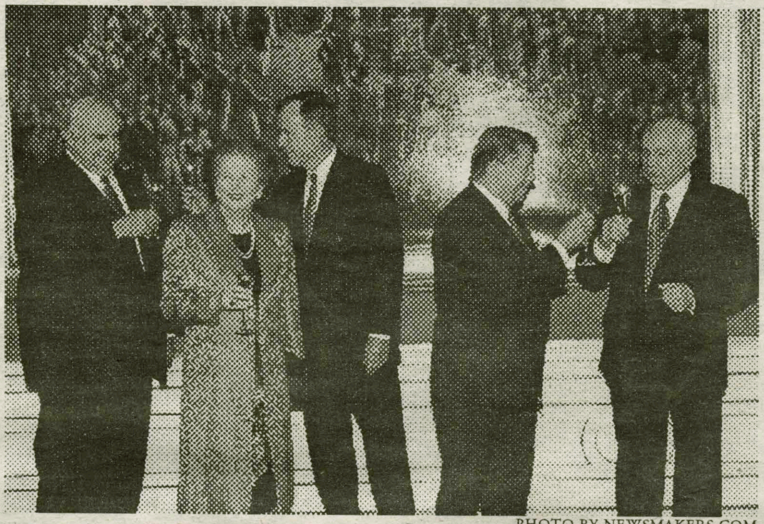
by Lisa Widowski '01
NEWS EDITOR



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Former British Prime Minister Lady Margaret Thatcher, second from left, will be speaking in the Field House on Dec. 9 as part of the Sacerdote Great Names series.

The latest speaker in the Sacerdote "Great Names" series, Lady Margaret Thatcher will speak in the Field House on Dec. 9. The lecture is free and open to the public. Over 4,000 people, including more than 800 students from area high schools and colleges, are expected.

Because of the anticipation of a large public turnout, the school arranged special parking and shuttle bus plans, including bus service from North Lot and Skenendoa Golf Club.

Lady Thatcher was appointed Great Britain's Prime Minister, First Lord of the Treasury and Minister for the Civil Service on May 4, 1979.

When the Conservative Party then won the general elections in 1983 and 1987, Lady Thatcher earned the distinction of becoming the first British Prime Minister this century to successfully win three consecutive elections. She resigned in November 1990. The following month, her Majesty the Queen awarded her the Order of Merit.

Thatcher is the author of several books, including *The Downing Street Years* (1993) and *The Path to Power* (1995).

She will be the sixth person to appear as part of the Great Names series. Kicked off in 1996, the series began with Retired Army General Colin L. Powell. Lady Thatcher and Archbishop Desmond Tutu (scheduled to speak April 11) are the latest speakers invited to participate in a program that the college plans to continue indefinitely.

The idea for the series came out of a two year study on ways to improve life at Hamilton, accord-

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Coach Frank resigns

by David Zane '02
SPORTS EDITOR

Steve Frank, head football coach and professor of physical education at Hamilton College for the past 15 years, announced his resignation Wednesday, effective Dec. 31, 1999.

Under Frank the Continentals were 56-63-1, and this places the former coach at second place all-time for victories among Continental coaches. During his tenure as coach, he posted a winning record in nine times and a 5-3 mark in three of the past five years. Unfortunately Frank leaves the program having had Hamilton's first 0-8 season in 18 years.

Frank took over a program that had just one winning season in 17 years. In his 15 years on the Hill, Frank boasted a 100% graduation rate for his football players. However, Frank felt, "It was time to hand off the baton." At a season ending meeting Frank said that he "felt it was time to move on after fifteen years and end on a positive note."

During his time at Hamilton, Frank enjoyed the individual attention that he was able to give to his student-athletes.

"Hamilton has been a great place where I have experienced a lot of success . . . There is lots of positive hope for the future and I hope that the school regains its competitiveness within the NESCAC," Frank said.

Players seemed saddened by the news that their coach was leaving. Frank Vinci '01 noted that "he [Frank] was always truthful to his players, both on and off the field. Coach was always there for you as a friend, whether on or off the field."

Scott DeBruin '00, who played four years under the tutelage of Coach Frank, felt somewhat guilty about the resignation because it occurred under his time at Hamilton. "I feel like I let him down. I have to see this happen to him."

"I learned lots of life lessons from Coach Frank, but the most important thing that he ever taught me was that if you want something bad enough, you need to go out and take it."

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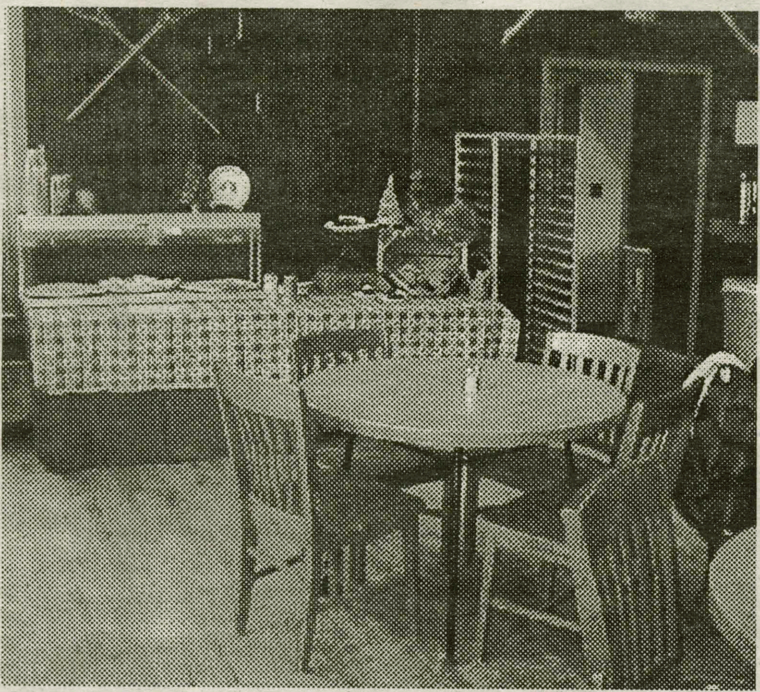
Pub break-in reclassified as a Burglary



PHTO BY RACHEL BAREK '01

The warm atmosphere of the pub was a bit too inviting for late night visitors. Last week's burglary has raised concern.

by Suzanne Dougherty '00
NEWS WRITER

Physical Plant reported an incident of criminal mischief at The Little Pub last Sunday morning, Nov. 14. During a routine weekend morning cleaning, a staff member discovered that the window in the women's bathroom had been left unlocked and some muddy residue lay on the windowsill, indicating an unwelcome visitor.

Since then, the has school reclassified the incident as a burglary after an employee discovered the theft of 10 CDs. Although nothing else was reported missing, the incident left many concerned. With the extension of pub hours, announced last week by President Schwarz, the frequency of late night visitors have many worried about this type of incident happening again.

Tobin anxious to return to hill

by Cristen Sargent '01
MANAGING EDITOR

President Eugene Tobin will return to Clinton and resume his duties as college president effective Jan. 17, when the spring semester begins.

"Beverly [Tobin] and I can't wait to rejoin the Hamilton and Clinton communities that have been such a cherished part of our lives these past twenty years," said Tobin.

The president has been on sabbatical since August. Thomas Schwarz, alumnus and trustee, has been acting in Tobin's place this semester.

"After six years as president, this sabbatical would be designed for the purposes of renewal and rejuvenation," Tobin said. "I was to leave the administration of the college in capable hands of my senior officers and our acting president. From everything I've heard, the college has been exceptionally well served and cared for in my absence."

In addition to traveling for the college to meet with alumni and presiding over formal college functions such as convocation and new student orientation, Schwarz has made an effort to meet with students and respond to their concerns. Most notably, Schwarz recently advocated extending night-time hours at the Little Pub.

"Schwarz's real positive contribution to the campus was that he came here with the benefit of an outside perspective, identified a number of problems, and then acted on them promptly," said Student Assembly President Jack Spangler. "I certainly appreciate him taking time out of his busy career. Hopefully once Tobin gets back the college will continue to build on the work of Tom Schwarz."

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SPECTACLES — Construction View

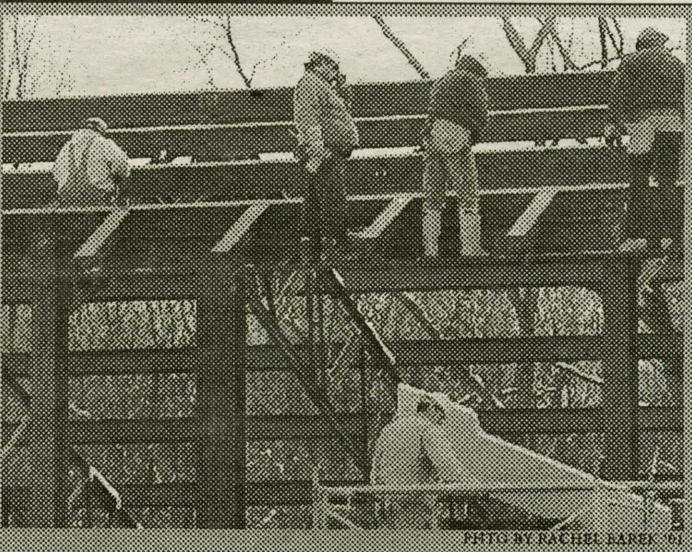

PHOTO BY RACHEL BAREK '01

Construction continues at a hectic pace as contractors realize they are two weeks behind schedule.

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The President's Coalition on Alcohol and Drugs

Is their main goal prohibition?

by Ashley Lee '02
NEWS WRITER

"Come on, have another beer — everyone else is. Your homework can wait." Peer pressure such as this is not foreign to the majority of the students on Hamilton's campus. There is no denying that drinking and drugs are prevalent here. But the question that The President's Coalition on Alcohol and Drugs has begun to look at is: do drinking and drugs dominate the campus? In order to answer their question, the committee (composed of both students and faculty) turned to the student body for insight.

The Coalition, formed in the spring of 1998, has defined the "decrease of the negative impact of drinking on campus" as their primary goal. In an interview, Bob Kazin, Director of Counseling and Psychological Services and the chair of the committee, established that excessive drinking has a number of negative effects on the Hamilton Community as a whole.

As he explained, "missed classes, assault, and vandalism are three of the main problems that result when students drink excessively". He also noted injuries, illness, poor academic performance, and judicial and/or legal trouble as other consequences.

One may ask how the Coalition has come to determine these factors. In November of 1998, a survey was distributed to 400 students selected at random. The response rate to the survey was a booming 57-58%, and thus the survey was a good representation of the campus. The survey uncovered a number of interesting facts, but the committee chose to focus on one issue: how much alcohol the student body perceived was being consumed in comparison to how much students actually. According to Kazin the results were as they had expected. The amount perceived was much greater than the reality: Where students thought the "average Hamilton student drank 3 times a week" in actuality, the average student only drinks once a week.

The coalition's next step was to examine how this assumption was effecting our campus. They determined, with reference to five other colleges that had previously engaged in the survey and had similar results, that by uncovering these misconceptions, the amount of excessive drinking on campus would decrease.

"It seems like a funny concept," admits Kazin "but the results from other schools show that this works." The committee plans to present this information to the campus this spring through what they call the Social Norms Campaign. The Social Norms Campaign was established with the idea that by informing students that most drinking on campus is done in moderation, the number of students who feel pressure to drink heavily will decrease. Also, the committee hopes that those students who are not in the "norm" will realize that their habits are excessive. The plan is not to end drinking on campus, only to educate about the realities. In so doing, the coalition believes that they will also lower the number of negative effects that result from excessive drinking.

The Social Norms Campaign will consist of posters and educational programs. The posters will be distributed among campus and will consist of facts such as, "Most Hamilton students consume between zero and five drinks when they 'party'." The educational events will relate to issues such as drunk driving. The committee hopes that the Social Norms Campaign will serve as their publicity and make their work noted on campus. Until now, they have been working mainly on the surveys and deciphering the results, this spring is when the will come public and present the "truth".

In order to measure the success of the campaign another set of surveys will be redistributed in February of 2001 and the responses will be compared to those of last fall. The committee hopes that Hamilton's response will mirror that of other colleges. They predict that the Social Norms Campaign will lower the amount of excessive drinking on campus, and thus lower the incidents of missed classes, assault, and vandalism. The coalition will also be working with Beverly Low and the Committee for Social Programming Guidelines to establish rules relating to alcohol consumption in the new social space. In addition, the coalition hopes to work with the Hamilton College Peer Educators in order to increase awareness about proper drinking habits. The main issue that was emphasized throughout the interview was that the coalition is "not about prohibition, its focus is on decreasing the negative effects of alcohol."

Lady Thatcher to speak here next Thursday

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ing to Director of Alumni Affairs Jennifer Potter Hayes.

She went on to note that the program was one of many recommendations that came from a committee of students, faculty, and trustees.

"Clinton is a pretty isolated part of Central New York, and we thought it would really be a great program for students, to make them feel good about coming to Central New York; and it would be great visibility for the college," she said.

So far, the only major glitch in the program was in 1997, when poet and author Maya Angelou cancelled her lecture due to a sudden illness.

Aside from the lecture, the speakers will generally meet with a class or group of classes, depending on their field of exposure. Thatcher will meet with classes focusing on U.S. foreign policy.

The series took the name the "Sacerdote Great Names Series" after a family who underwrote the series' endowment fund to honor their son, Alex, a 1994 graduate.

Thatcher's address will be interpreted for the deaf and hearing impaired. Photography, tape recording and videotaping will not be allowed during the event.

Tobin set to resume role as college president

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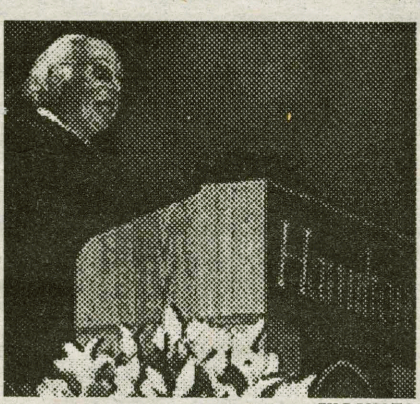


FILE PHOTO
Acting President Thomas Schwarz will relinquish his post this spring.

Tobin and his wife have been living in Bath, England, and enjoying the opportunity to travel.

"Living in England these past several months has given me an even deeper appreciation of the value of study abroad," he said. "I will return to campus with a renewed commitment to the extraordinary benefits of foreign study and travel, and with the intention to encourage more students to pursue such opportunities."

Tobin explained that he has been meeting with officials from an undergraduate college at the University of Oxford, in hopes of Hamilton students receiving special admissions consideration in the future to Oxford's masters degree programs. In addition to visiting many historical sites and reading as much as possible, Tobin also found time to write an article pending publication, comparing aspects of English secondary education to American colleges.

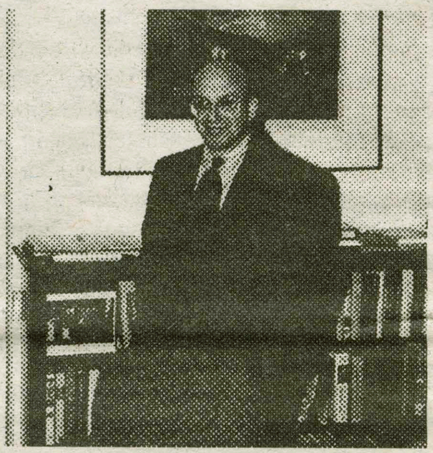
> "In addition to major policy decisions affecting the curriculum, budget, and key personnel, I am most interested in re-engaging with students on issues that matter most to them..."
> **- Eugene Tobin**

Tobin, however, noted that he has been concentrating primarily on Hamilton's future.

"In addition to major policy decisions affecting the curriculum, budget, and key personnel, I am most interested in re-engaging with students on issues that matter most to them," he said.

The face of the modern college president, however, is changing. As the major spokesperson for the college, a president must spend more and more time fund-raising and cultivating potential major donors. But Tobin seems confident that he can continue to balance the demands for his time that issue from both the financial and academic sectors.

"Talking to alumni, parents and philanthropic foundations are important and necessary conversations but no more so than listening and working collaboratively with current students."



FILE PHOTO
President Eugene Tobin will return to the hill this spring.

Student to graduate from Biosphere 2 Center

PRESS RELEASE

Columbia University announced the graduation of Michael Farrell '00 from its Earth Semester program taught at its Biosphere 2 campus in Tucson, Arizona. Michael Farrell, a current senior at Hamilton, spent the fall semester studying environmental science and policy, earning sixteen Columbia University credit hours to be applied to his bachelor's degree.

Farrell joined students from colleges and universities across the country, with majors ranging from biology to philosophy, to attend classes at biosphere 2. Earth semester's interdisciplinary approach includes a novel form of team-teaching in which each faculty member, during the course of a day's lecture, will lend their particular expertise to the discussion of the environmental issue at hand. All faculty members hold Columbia University appointments.

Nestled in the foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountains of Arizona, the Biosphere 2 campus provides an excellent base for research trips to explore the geological, cultural and biological diversity of the region. Farrell spent one week in the Grand Canyon and Mexico's Sea of Cortez, as well as shorter day trips to the closed San Carlos Mine and Mt. Lemmon.

The centerpiece of the campus is the famed Biosphere 2 apparatus, a 3.15 acre enclosed glass and space frame structure that contains miniature replicas of five of the earth's biomes-a rainforest, ocean, savannah, marsh and desert.

The Biosphere 2 apparatus is now an important research facility for projecting the planet's future under a variety of environmental parameters. As part of Earth Semester, students work closely with world-class researchers to measure the impact of changing environmental conditions on different ecosystems.

Students interested in enrolling the upcoming Earth Semester or one of the shorter summer programs should contact the Biosphere 2 Office of Student Admissions at 800-992-4603 (option 1) or at admissions@bio2.edu.

IVORY TOWERS

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

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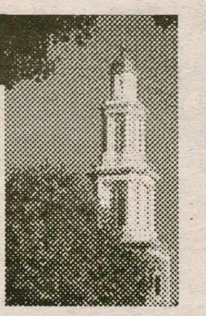

College bomb suspect faces charges

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) - Hate crime charges have been added to the accusations against a white man suspected in two bombings at a predominantly black university.

Lawrence Lombardi, 41, was already being held on federal counts of setting off pipe bombs at Florida A&M University and possession of a bomb.

On Tuesday, a federal grand jury returned an indictment charging Lombardi with attempting to "injure, intimidate and interfere with students because of their race and color."

Bombs went off Aug. 31 and Sept. 22 in restrooms at FAMU, Florida's only historically black public university. No one at the 12,000-student campus was injured in either blast.

Both explosions were accompanied by racist phone calls to a local television station.

If convicted on all charges, Lombardi could get life in prison. He has pleaded innocent. His trial, originally scheduled for Jan. 4, has been indefinitely delayed.

Lombardi's attorney, R. Timothy Jansen, and federal prosecutors are prevented by federal court rules from discussing the case publicly.

Human chain blocks delegates at WTO protest

(U-WIRE) SEATTLE—After months of training, members of non-violent civil disobedience groups demonstrated their ability to effectively blockade the Washington State Convention Center Tuesday.

They amassed themselves in a human chain around the facility, which led to the cancellation of the World Trade Organization's opening ceremonies at the Paramount Theater.

At 7 a.m. thousands of protesters, mostly members of Global Action, Direct Action Network, Earth First and other protest groups, marched from Victor Steinbrueck Park and Seattle Central Community College and converged on the convention center half an hour later.

Their mission of civil disobedience was clear: Shut down the WTO.

"Nothing is going to go on downtown today, as far as normal business. It's not a normal day,' said Dwayne Davis, a protester from Port Townsend, Wash.

Normal or not, it was definitely not what the delegates to the WTO were expecting as they were denied entry to the convention center throughout the morning.

Police could do little more than guard the perimeter of the center, as delegates pleaded with protesters to let them past. They claimed they were freedom fighters and supported protesters' demands that the WTO be changed. But in most cases, their efforts had little effect.

Because WTO delegates were not able to pass the human chains, the preliminary meetings that were originally scheduled for 10 a.m. were canceled. According to WTO officials, the rest of the day's scheduled meetings were carried out despite the protest.

Less than an hour after the march, thousands of activists had set up a human chain along Sixth Avenue at every intersection from Olive to Seneca streets. By 9:30 a.m., all entrances to the convention center on both sides of Interstate 5 had been blocked by human chains.

They locked their arms together using ropes, chains, tape and chicken wire, and stood or sat firmly chanting "No one in, no one out.' Many Seattleites found themselves stuck between police lines and protester lines with nowhere to go.

The initial clashes with police began as protesters tried to occupy downtown intersections early in the morning.

At 8:30 a.m. nearly 200 protesters blocked the intersection of Fifth and Pike streets while drivers waited in their cars. Some angrily honked horns, others sat calmly.

But as police moved in to free up the intersection, violence ensued when an officer rushed a crowd of about 15, knocking a man over with his baton. The angry crowd then attacked a police car, jumping on the hood and attempting to stop it.

The incident ended when a tire of the police car was slashed, and a man was wrestled to the ground by police in riot gear. One man was injured as he attempted to stop the police car by laying in front of it.

WORLD NEWS

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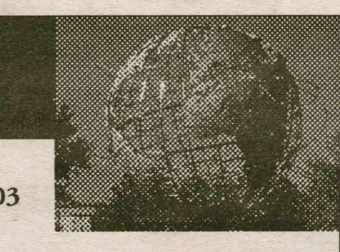

New Belfast cabinet makes history

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) - On a day of historic firsts and defining moments, Irish Republican Army supporters sat down with their Protestant antagonists on Thursday in a new Northern Ireland government.

That first meeting produced no decisions but encouraged great hopes that three decades of bloodshed may truly be at an end.

Also Thursday, the IRA confirmed it had appointed a senior member to meet soon with a Belfast-based disarmament commission. The outlawed group issued brief statements to the British Broadcasting Corp. in Belfast and to RTE, the Irish state broadcasters in Dublin. It did not name its appointee.

"I welcome the IRA's announcement. It shows that on day one the IRA have kept their word and that augurs well for decommissioning," said Britain's top official in Northern Ireland, Peter Mandelson.

"It seems we are at the end of a terrible era of violence and suffering, and at the beginning of a new era of life here," said Seamus Mallon, the Catholic deputy leader of the new government. "People are almost afraid to express that hope."

In that cautious spirit, the day passed in Belfast without the sort of big celebrations that followed the IRA cease-fire of 1994, which didn't last, and without the kind of mass protests that killed a short-lived attempt at power-sharing in 1974.

"It was a good start," said Martin McGuinness, the former IRA commander who now is responsible for education. He called the meeting "cordial, respectful and businesslike."

"It is now possible to believe the day of the gun and the bomb are in fact over," President Clinton said in Seattle. It was Clinton's man, former Sen. George Mitchell, who prodded the parties to make the concessions necessary to form a government.

Earlier in Dublin, the Republic of Ireland amended its 1937 constitution to drop its territorial claim to the British province. Britain and Ireland also signed treaties to create all-Ireland and British-Irish institutions envisaged in the Good Friday accord of 1998.

Prince Andrew visits Bangkok slum

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) Britain's Prince Andrew arrived by silver limousine in Bangkok's largest slum Thursday and toured schools and shelters for the poor.

The Duke of York was in Thailand to help celebrate the birthday of King Bhumibol Adulyadej, who turns 72 on Sunday.

Before attending a British-style trooping of the color with the king, Andrew met AIDS patients as young as 1 at a hospice.

Clasping his hands together in the Thai gesture of greeting, Andrew also gave an impromptu English lesson on the names of zoo animals to an attentive class of children.

"Thailand holds its royal family in such respect, so to have a prince come to see us is the most wonderful event of the year," said Father Joe Maier of Seattle, founder of an AIDS hospice Andrew visited. "It gives people the hope to get through another day."

France returns stolen sculptures

ROME (AP) - France returned a treasure trove of stolen artifacts to Italy on Thursday, ending their years of exile in a storeroom of the Louvre Museum in Paris.

Italian police and Culture Ministry officials displayed the 267 brightly painted vases, amphora, platters and small terra cotta statues dating from the fourth century B.C.

French customs officials first confiscated the relics from an Italian citizen at a border crossing between Luxembourg and France in 1981.

The artifacts had been stolen from ancient ruins in the southern region of Puglia before being smuggled to Luxembourg, the Culture Ministry said.

Italian police and Interpol tracked down the treasure to the Louvre Museum in 1994. Years of wrangling followed, ending when France agreed to return the items to Italy.

NATIONAL NEWS

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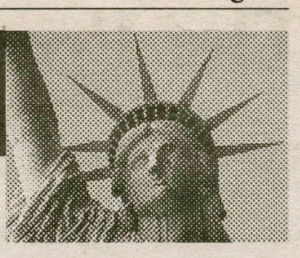

Seattle cracks down on WTO rioters

SEATTLE (AP) - President Clinton, urging that worker rights and environmental safeguards be included in global trade talks, is getting a chilly reception from Third World nations as trade officials open serious negotiations after a two-day disruption by street protests.

Demonstrators clashed with police early today in the city's Capitol Hill neighborhood, a mile from the convention center where delegates from 135 nations are meeting. Police used tear gas, flash bombs and pepper spray to scatter the crowd while protesters and residents of the upper-middle-class neighborhood shouted at police and National Guard troops to leave.

As an aside to the trade summit, Clinton today signed an International Labor Organization treaty aimed at outlawing the worst forms of child labor, including slavery and prostitution. The treaty was approved unanimously in June by the ILO, a United Nations arm.

With business and labor leaders looking on, Clinton said the treaty "affirms fundamental human rights" and emphasizes "the fragility and importance of childhood."

Clinton's call for more openness and attention to the environment and worker rights in trade negotiations echoed the demands of thousands of protesters who have been demonstrating peacefully. The president saluted those demonstrators but condemned the relatively small number tangling with police.

Protest groups held their own news conference today to say more marches are planned and to decry what some called an infringement on their right to assemble. "I've witnessed things in the last four days that I didn't believe could happen in America," said John Goodman of the United Steelworkers of America.

Meanwhile, a spokeswoman for the Downtown Seattle Association said damages to some 2,500 city merchants and property owners from this week's disturbances will "be in the millions range." And association marketing director Lucinda Payne added: "That's just the physical damage - the broken display windows, spot looting, and the 'horrific graffiti'."

Payne said later that lost sales were estimated at $7 million and that property damage has been estimated at $1 million.

With a Friday deadline for wrapping up the World Trade Organization meeting, the commerce minister of Thailand, who takes over the top WTO post in 2002, said Wednesday that Clinton's tough stance on worker rights could jeopardize efforts to launch a new round of trade talks.

Boy forgotten in holding cell

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - A 13-year-old boy spent the weekend unattended in a courthouse cell after a bailiff forgot to check it before going home.

After a court hearing Saturday, Aaron Robinson was locked in the Juvenile Court holding cell with no food, water or toilet facilities. He was discovered Monday morning.

The bailiff, a 10-year employee of the court, was fired.

Aaron had been arrested and taken to the court building Friday night after his mother told police he had stolen her car.

The boy was released after a hearing but feared punishment from his parents and did not want to return home, according to Superior Court Judge James Payne said. So he was taken to a holding cell and was to have been transferred to a detention center on another floor Saturday evening.

"Aaron has not been able to really sleep. I just keep replaying this in my mind: My child beating on the door and no one able to hear his pleas for help. There could have been a fire or he could have had a panic attack," said his mother, Pearlinea Robinson.

Government developing brake tests

WASHINGTON (AP) - Federal safety officials are developing tests aimed at letting consumers know how well the brakes work on new cars, sport utility vehicles and pickups.

Officials at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said Thursday that they hope to have a rating system in place as early as next fall that tells consumers how quickly cars and light trucks stop.

The agency released a report this week on stopping tests done on 10 vehicles: five cars, two minivans, a cargo van, a sport utility vehicle and a pickup truck.

Student Assembly and Community Conference Committee Platforms

Platform for William J. Gormley and Brett Monroe '01

Hi, My name is Gorm and my running mate is Brett Monroe. You read the articles, you have seen the ads, you smelt my room and now you have to decide. If you look around this article you will see a number of others claiming why you should vote them. We are not going to fall into the trap of making promises and not keeping them. The only promise that we will make is if we win, we plan to boose. If we loose, we plan to boose. Either way we come out a hangover ahead of our competitors. If you are disinterested, disenfranchised, disgruntled, disturbed or disaffected we've got you covered. Vote for honesty, vote for lack of integrity, vote PHAT, vote Gorm.

P.S. My pen broke
PPS Sorry about the mud slinging
PPPS pens suck

Platform for John O'Keeffe and David Bugliari '01

An effective Student Assembly must reach out to the entire Hamilton community. In order to best represent the student body, we need experienced, aggressive leaders who care about the school and will reach out to every student on campus. Many complain that Hamilton students are apathetic, yet we know that most are simply not given the opportunity to contribute to the direction the school is moving. It is unacceptable that many students feel underestimated and unheard. It is an embarrassment that many students do not know who represents them on Student Assembly, and that in many cases do not know what Student Assembly is. We, as Student Assembly President and Vice-President, will be aggressive and visible to ensure that the student body's potential is unlocked. We will make Student Assembly inclusive by holding public office hours in Opus and the Diner, ensuring that your representatives are working in your best interest. We will fight for everything from better salted pathways, cable in dorm rooms, and better housing to increased cultural diversity and healthier student interaction through effective planning and usage of social spaces. Let's Make Hamilton the best it can be. Vote John O'Keeffe and David Bugliari on December 8th.

Platform for Kurt Mangold '02

Here's my platform:
Allow myself to introduce......myself. My name is Kurt....Kurt Mangold. And I am here, that's where I am....here, to let you know that I am running for CCC Chair because I also like to live dangerously. This sort of thing is my bag....baby.

Thank you to all who participated in HAVOC's Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week!

Due to your generosity, over 50 pounds of food were donated to the Utica food pantry, and a check for $3,052.00 was sent to Oxfam International.

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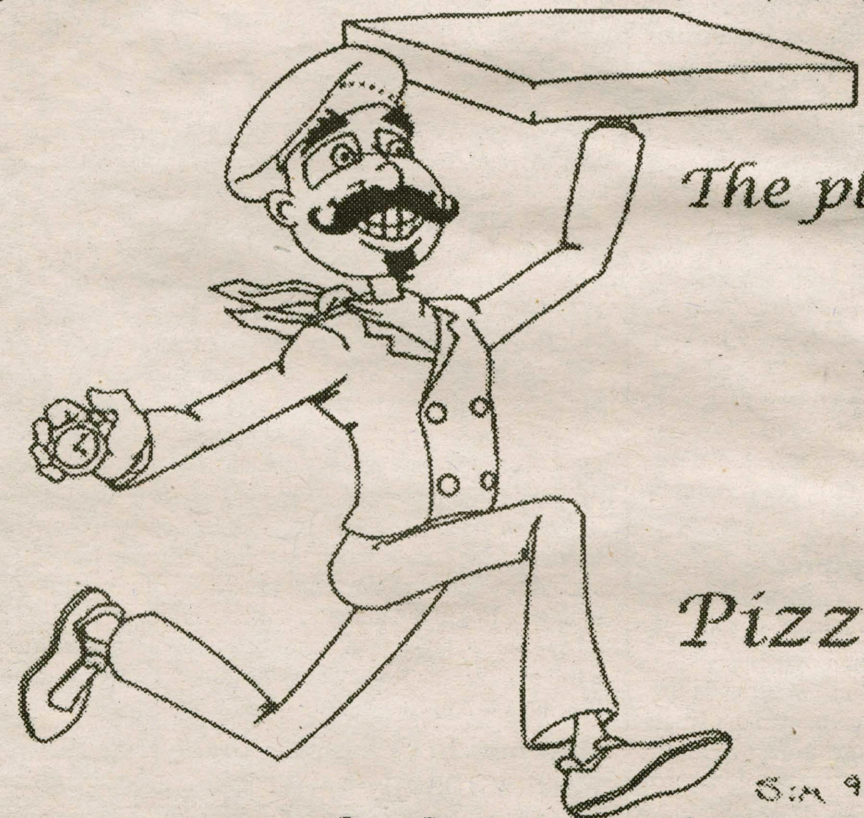
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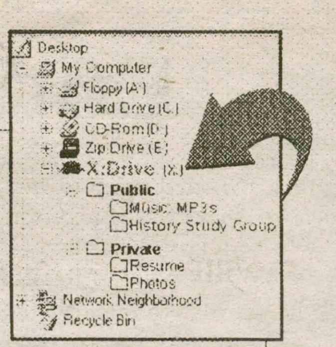

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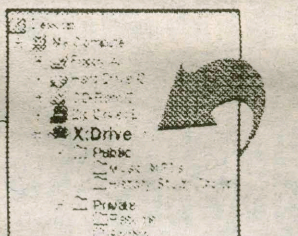

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Editorial

For this, the final issue of *the Spectator* of 1999, the editorial board has given me this space in the last issue I am editing to reflect on my experiences as Editor-in-Chief over the course of the past year. This represents a departure from the standard format of the Editorial, which represents a consensus of the opinions of the editorial board, and is therefore not written in the first person. In this case, though, the consensus of the board was that I should address our readers as an individual.

It is this relation between group effort, consensus, and individual responsibility that has provided me with the greatest lesson that I will walk away from this position with. There is something magical and reassuring about doing something which necessarily involves the aid and cooperation of numerous other people, but which at the same time could not happen without you. When the end of the night arrives, and the raw materials of the newspaper have been compiled, it is up to you and you alone to manipulate them into a finished product. During the solitary work of creating a finished product, however, the voices of friends and peers and people who you've never even met are nevertheless with you at all times.

I would recommend to anyone that they do something that requires them to take responsibility for the successful operation of a group upon their own shoulders. If I had to write an autobiography of my time spent as Editor of *the Spectator*, I wouldn't be able to say specifically what I did with a great degree of accuracy. Of course, there are some major changes and decisions that have been made, but often the most valuable aspects of the publication result from minor matters of chance and luck. However, if no one were there to provide the framework within which such aspects come to surface, everyone involved would experience a great loss. I commend all Editors past and present for their efforts to provide a forum for the public appraisal of ideas within our community. The pages in this issue that review the past year are a compilation of some parts of the newspaper that I have enjoyed over the past year, whether they be important pieces of news or things of a more light hearted nature. I'm happy to have been of service.

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Letters

Response to Student Assembly Letter

Letter to the Spectator:

We want to begin by stating that we agree in theory with some of the ideas expressed in the letter to the student body from the general Student Assembly. Campus damages are expensive, embarrassing, and wrong, but where we differ from the rest of the Student Assembly is we feel that a simple appeal to the student body to stop is not the way to solve the problem. Urging students to stop breaking college property and to start reporting on their neighbors ignores the real cause of the problem. There are larger issues behind the recent amount of college damage purposefully caused by students, and we feel the whole college community should consider what they are and what their role is. The Student Assembly's letter tries only to stop one symptom of a greater residential and social problem at Hamilton College. The important question to ask is why does the destruction of college property occur? A possible explanation is that since students do not feel any responsibility for where they live, they there for see little reason to protect anything in the dorms that does not directly belong to them.

When something happens to ones own possessions, we think the owner and the responsible individual should deal with the situation. Here that is never allowed to happen. Hamilton's much lauded residential life decision, which made it into a day care center for resentful students. Students do not settle residential problems face to face enough, and too often rely on Residential Life to intervene.

Hamilton College has taken so much responsibility for residential and social life of students that they have inadvertently increased the sense of anger and dissatisfaction by limiting student options. Simultaneously they have also given students a plethora of outlets to express their displeasure with the current system. The best way to consider the question of dorm damages is to think on broader terms about the residential situation on campus and ask broader questions. What is the effect of not having teachers eat or interact socially with students? How does an organization like CAB affect residential cohesiveness? Do the members of CAB represent the views and preferences of the campus? Is the Student Assembly empowered to carry out the wishes of their constituents?

The tensions between students, faculty, and administrators on this campus seem very real to us, and the origin is not the breaking of college property. The Student Assembly has mistakenly allowed itself to shelve this issue and write it off after a simple letter. Students should feel that their sense of disgust and complaints are registered seriously with trustees and administers, and they will get results and not excuses in return for their input. The College must do more to listen to the voices of students.

Installing tougher lights in Carnegie, continuing to review the status of cable on campus, and extending Little Pub till four a.m. on the weekends are all laudable examples of administrators listening to what the students want, but more needs to be done. Students should feel that changes on campus are a result of their ideas, not the US News and World Reports Poll on College Rankings. Students also need to act, not by turning in their classmates and friends but by voicing their opinions about what they do not like. Contact a representative and get involved. This can be a cold hill to be on for four years if you are unhappy.

-Charley Lower and Hellmut Haffner
Co-Founders of the Student Dissatisfaction Sub-Committee

Invitation to Renovated Chapel

Dear Editor,

Something wonderful has happened at Hamilton College. Hamilton's beloved chapel has a new look. You won't see it from the outside. You won't see it from looking downstairs. But you will be amazed if you come in and walk upstairs... all the way up.

If you haven't seen this new space on the third floor of the chapel—and even if you have—you are invited to a Holiday Open House there on this Wednesday, December 8 from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. We will introduce you to the new home of the chaplaincy, a meditation room, a seminar room used for classroom space, two faculty offices, and a great place to just come and hang out.

Hope to see you on December 8!

Jeffrey McArn
College Chaplain

Hamilton Kills Socialism

To The Editor:

CHEERS to the Hamilton Community!!!!! That so small a group (with apparently few from Hamilton itself) attended the Young Socialist meeting is wonderful commentary on a morally bankrupt philosophy whose followers have killed or enslaved millions around the world. Socialism is dead, and better still, irrelevant!!!

Lloyd Tulp
Tenafly, NJ

Gorm speaks out on pens

I hate pens.

I am just not a big fan.

It's not just pens in general, its a specific type of pen. A blue pen with white writing on it. A desperate attempt to pander to the whims and whiles of the Hamilton community. A cheep and tawdry token that is trying to replace loyalty of ideas with a loyalty due to gifts.

I am, of course, talking about the pens Bell Atlantic hands out to try and convince you that they can sell long distance cheaper than AT&T. You know they can't. AT&T has been in the market for over 3 weeks, and now Bell Atlantic tries to take over there turf. AT&T has always been content to allow you your local control but hey back off the big boys Johnny Bell Atlantic.

But I didn't come to talk about pens. I want to talk about crayons. I like crayons.

They are fun and colorful and appeal to a wide variety of Hamilton Students.

I like crayons because they wont break on your hand. If you took one with you to meet President Schwarz, and it broke, you would not cover his hand with ink. Or danish for that matter.

So crayons are good and pens suck.

Just a thought.

Thatcher: a professor outlines her life and career

Alan Cafruny
Henry Bristol Professor of International Affairs

Lady Margaret Thatcher, Baroness of Kasteven, was prime minister of the United Kingdom from 1979-1990. Born in Grantham in 1925, the grocer's daughter not only became the first woman prime minister of Britain, but also served longer than any other British leader in the 20th century.

After studying chemistry at Somerville College and Oxford University, she ran unsuccessfully for Parliament (1950), married Denis Thatcher (1951), and worked as a research chemist before studying and becoming a tax attorney. In 1959 she won a seat in Parliament and quickly rose to prominence as an outspoken critic of government intervention. Appointed Secretary of State for Education and Science by Edward Heath in 1970, she abolished free milk in the public schools, leading the tabloid newspapers to proclaim her "the most unpopular politician in Britain" and her political enemies to call her "the milk snatcher."

Following Heath's defeat in 1974 Thatcher was elected party leader and became prime minister in 1979. Vowing to revive the economy and restore Britain's glory, she led the party to two more lopsided election victories in 1983 and 1987, throwing the Labour Party into disarray. She resigned from the leadership in 1990 not because of electoral defeat, but rather as a result of growing opposition within her own party.

Today, nine years after leaving office, Lady Thatcher remains a forceful presence in Britain and the world. She commands a substantial following among Conservative party members, even as the party itself is losing popularity, and serves as a standard-bearer for a growing opposition to further European unification. Most recently, she has strongly criticized the British government for arresting Chile's former dictator, General Augusto Pinochet, at the behest of a Spanish magistrate who seeks to extradite him to Spain on charges of crimes against humanity. For three decades after World War II both the Conservative and Labour parties accepted the basic parameters of the welfare state. Throughout what political scientist Samuel Beer called "the collectivist age," the leaders of both parties viewed full employment as the key objective of government policy. During the long postwar economic boom full employment could be sustained through Keynesian demand management policies. However, as the boom began to fizzle in the late 1960s and the underlying lack of competitiveness of the British economy could no longer be ignored, both Labour and Conservative leaders identified trade union militancy as a key obstacle to modernization.

Labour Prime Minister Harold Wilson (who visited Hamilton College in 1987) and Conservative Prime Minister Edward Heath both tried to curb trade union power through a combination of voluntary agreements and legal constraints. Neither Wilson nor Heath mounted a frontal assault on the welfare state or the unions. As international conditions worsened, Britain's lack of competitiveness became painfully obvious and unemployment and inflation ("stagflation") steadily increased. In 1979 James Callaghan's Labour government fell victim to massive labor unrest as nurses and sanitation workers struck and garbage was piled high on the streets during the 'winter of discontent.'

Margaret Thatcher brought the collectivist age to a close. Taking full advantage of an (unwritten) constitution which concentrates massive and virtually unchecked powers in the hands of the prime minister and cabinet, she sharply reduced the role of government in the economy. The policy of monetarism allowed the level of unemployment to rise dramatically. Thatcher passed laws which rescinded long-standing trade union practices and weakened the labor movement. She cut taxes and reduced welfare and unemployment benefits. She privatized steel, the railways, gas, and electricity, and sold off public housing. She abolished the Labour Greater London Council when it obstructed her policies. In 1984 she declared war on the National Union of Mineworkers when it resisted her plans for massive pit closures. The capitulation of the miners after a 12-month strike represented a historic defeat for the British labor movement. Unemployment rose to over 13% in 1985.

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On the international front, Thatcher sent a vast armada to the Falkland Islands following Argentina's invasion in 1982. Her re-conquest of the islands after a short but bloody war reasserted British military power, helped to bring down the Argentinian dictatorship, and produced a surge in poll ratings for the 'iron lady.'

In 1985 she narrowly escaped an IRA assassination attempt when a bomb exploded in her hotel during the Conservative Party annual conference. Within the European Union (EU) she extracted significant concessions from Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany and President Francois Mitterrand of France over the issue of Britain's budgetary contributions. She later worked closely with Kohl and Mitterrand to bring about a free market among the nations of the EU, but by the late 1980s became convinced that further European integration was a grave threat to Britain. In her famous Bruges speech (1988), she declared that 'We have not successfully rolled back the frontiers of the state in Britain only to see them re-imposed at a European level with a European superstate exercising a new dominance from Brussels.'

When the Berlin Wall fell in 1989 Thatcher initially opposed German reunification. An undiplomatic remark by Nicholas Ridley, her close confidante and cabinet member, that European monetary union was 'a German racket designed to take over the whole of Europe' was widely thought to reflect her own view even as she demanded Ridley's resignation.

By 1990, however, the economic recovery that had helped to buttress Thatcher's popularity ended. As the economy fell into recession, the Conservative party's reputation for economic competence was tarnished. Her attempt to impose a poll tax or community charge in place of the old rates system generated widespread opposition, especially in Scotland, and provoked massive demonstrations in Trafalgar Square. A growing number of Conservative members of parliament viewed her as a liability. The division within the Party over Europe, however, ultimately proved fatal for Thatcher. When she made it clear that she would oppose Britain's entry into the European monetary union, her former ally and ardent pro-Europeanist Geoffrey Howe dramatically resigned from the cabinet in protest. In the ensuing leadership battle it became clear that Thatcher had lost significant support within the party and she resigned in favor of John Major.

During her 11 years in office, Margaret Thatcher transformed the character of British politics. Her project of anti-collectivism and the subordination of individuals and society to market discipline strongly influenced the U.S. Republican Party and helped to pave the way for what is now called globalization. While Thatcher's defenders can certainly point to some economic successes in Britain, it is difficult to argue that her policies brought about a fundamental resurgence of the British economy as a whole. The level of unemployment in Britain is now lower than on the European continent and levels of profitability have been restored, but poverty and inequality have increased during the last 20 years. The financial and service sectors continue to flourish while the industrial base has declined. London and the south are prosperous, but Scotland, the north of England, and parts of Wales have lagged behind. Left wing critics of Thatcher have not, however, offered a politically viable alternative to neoliberalism. Indeed, at the present time virtually all of the countries of the European Union are governed by socialists–who are striving to implement conservative policies, albeit under the cover of empty slogans such as "the third way."

By transforming British politics, Thatcher also profoundly changed the nature of the Conservative Party and its relationship to the British people. The emphasis on wealth-creation, individualism, and self-interest superceded notions of tradition and deference which had long made the Conservatives the 'natural' governing party. Thus Thatcher expanded the party's base and underlying appeal, but at the same time rendered it more fragile. Thatcher's anti-collectivist turn endangered the Party's relationship with important sectors of the British establishment, including the Church and the Monarchy, both former bastions of the Party's dominance. As the cold war ended and the magnetic pull of Brussels grew stronger, the logic of a 'united kingdom' of Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland—further pillar of Conservatism—became less compelling. In 1996 Tony Blair and Labour delivered a crushing defeat to John Major. The current inept Conservative leader, William Hague, has been unable to revive the Party's popularity or overcome the paralysis caused by deep divisions over Europe.

While claiming to pursue a 'third way,' Tony Blair has skillfully exploited the Conservative's political predicament, even as he has abandoned Labour's core constituencies. Having crushed his left wing and severed the historic connection between the Labour Party and the trade unions, Blair has ensured that the Conservatives can no longer take business support for granted. Recognizing that the country is polarized over Europe, he has kept his options open over entry into the European Monetary Union. The constitutional reforms which Blair has enacted, abolition of hereditary privilege in the House of Lords and the establishment of assemblies for Scotland, Wales, and now perhaps Northern Ireland, can be expected to further undermine the Conservative Party. The creation of an independent Bank of England and the pursuit of welfare reform will further institutionalize Thatcher's economic project.

Waters from Russia: don't laugh at my balalaika

Erin Waters

My days begin with a breakfast that my babushka prepares for me -usually blini or oladi (both are types of pancakes that taste really yummy smothered in jam). Over breakfast I listen to the news on Russian Radio. I don't always believe this news, but it's interesting to hear how the reports a Russian citizen gets differ from what cnn.com tells me about the war in Chechnya. By the time I leave the apartment, I'm usually running late so I hop on a bus or trolley and pack myself in with the other sardines for the ride to Red Square. This is not Moscow's Red Square, but Yaroslavl's - complete with its statue of Lenin pointing the way along the correct path. The statue has been nicknamed "the finger" by those who are familiar with a certain American gesture. After the claustraphobic bus ride, I must cross two streets to reach the university - October (revolution) and Sovetskaya. This is always a dangerous endeavor and often enough I end up stuck in the middle of one of the streets and try not to get hit as cars whiz by on either side of me. Pedestrians have next to no rights here. I have classes in the morning, sometimes in the afternoon, and we go on excursions to places like the local cemetary, the museum of Soviet history, or local schools. I also go to concerts and Yaroslavl Torpedo hockey games. When Torpedo played a Canadian national team last week we tried cheering for the fellow English speakers, but were cowed into silence by some rabid Topedo fans. Canada lost. I also take music lessons. One of the higlights of my week is on Friday when I have my balalaika lesson.

People laugh when I tell them that I take lessons on the balalaika. I've wanted to play the balalaika for four years - ever since I got home from my first visit to Russia with my souvenir balalaika intact. Unfortunately, in Russia, "balalaika" seems to have the same conotation as "banjo" does in the Unitied States. It's a nice, folksy intstrument that may be pretty cool, but one that no one seems to play, or take seriously. Unfortunately there is no Bela Fleck of the balalaika to show people just how cool it can be. Instead I sit in my room and with my blistered fingers try -without much success- to master the mysteries of "Kalinka" while my babushka and her grandson chuckle. Although she thinks my hobby humorous, my babushka does approve and occasionally sings along if she knows the tune, saying "molodets" when I play to her satisfaction. I rarely play to my satisfaction, but then I'm usually simply trying to cradle the instrument so that it doesnít fall to the floor as I play. In lessons, my teacher demonstrates the correct way to strum and as I fail miserably, I wonder why it is that Iím here. Why am I listening to this guy - who happens to be an awsome musician, and great teacher - play classical guitar on the balalaika while people think his passion is simply a subject for jokes? It's depressing. I hate seeing talent go unappreciated. I think the balalaika is a really interesting instrument with an appealing sound, but Russians - my teachers, friends, random people on the street - always smile when they realize how I occupy some of my free time. Playing the balalaika is a quaint hobby, maybe something for children, but not something that a 21 yearold should be doing, or at least that's the vibe I get. It seems that while Russians embrace so many aspects of their cultural past, the balalaika, like some parts of 20th century history, has fallen by the wayside. Notes to those unfamiliar with things Russian: Babushka means grandmother in Russian. Chechnya is a region of Russia where, right now, the Russian government and military is fighting a war. A balalaika is a 3 stringed instrument with a triangular shaped sound box. There are many sizes from soprano to contra bass. Molodets means "good job!" in Russian

Decisions... Decisions.... The Highlights of the 12th Annual Cannabis Cup

by Wandering Bird '0?
Special to the Spectator

Last week, while Hamiltonians enjoyed a much-deserved break, hundreds of cannabis connoisseurs from around the globe made the pilgrimage to Amsterdam, the Mecca of Marijuana, for the 12th annual Cannabis Cup. This wandering bird had the privilege of partaking in this year's festivities. For those who are not familiar with the topic, in Amsterdam cannabis is legal and readily available in every form imaginable. The herb is sold in the many coffeeshops that line the streets of the city. For the Cannabis Cup all the coffeeshops break out their newest creations to be judged by those who wish to pay the $200 US fee to be a judge. The theme of this year's Cup was the Beat Poets. Among the inductees were Kerouac, Ginsberg, Burroughs, and Kesey.

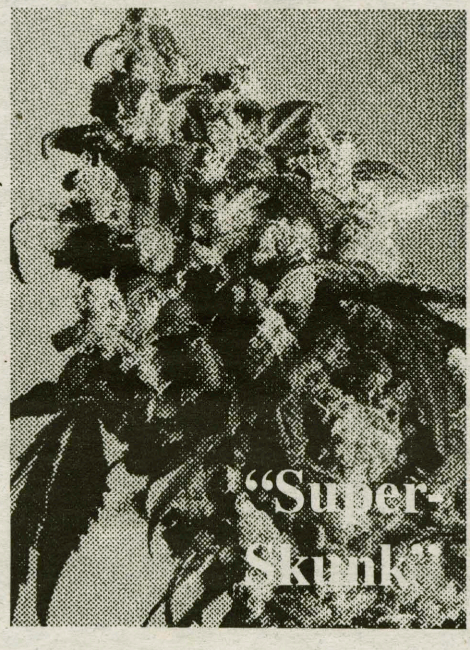
The criteria that the marijuana is judged upon are effect, appearance, smell, and taste. The effect or high is the most difficult criterion to judge. To be able to last the whole day it is recommended that the judge eat well, start with sativa strains in morning, and move on to the indicas in the evening. A minimum of three hours should be taken between samplings to maintain as clear a palate as possible. Some questions to keep in mind while judging samples are, Is the bud thickly covered in well formed resin glands? Is the bud properly cured, does it smell musty?, Does a dry toke off a joint have any distinct flavor, is it spicy, or sweet?.Is it harsh?

Due to the fact that my time in Amsterdam was limited to three days, I decided not to pay the $200 US judge's fee, which includes no free smoke. I conducted a Cannabis Cup of my own, highlighting coffeeshops that had won in the years past. Each coffeeshop has its specialty whether it is hydro, organic, hash, etc...

Rating Scale: 1-5 tokes, one being the best

Rookies Coffeshop, A decent selection of weed and hash was on the menu at Rookies. Following the advice of an employee I went with the Rookies SuperSkunk. Superskunk is a mostly indica strain known for its pungent aroma, and powerful head and body high. The herb was well cured, extremely sticky, with a powerful skunky smell. After two tokes off my spliff my brain was overcome by a very pleasant debilitating high. 2 tokes out of 5

Rokerij Besides the annoying techno music I enjoyed the rest of the evening at Rokerij, a well decorated shop with some excellent strains available. The fabled White Widow and Jack Herer were among the heavyweights. I went with the Jack Herer, named after its creator, the author of "Emperor's New Clothes". The exact pedigree details of Jack Herer are a secret, all that is known is that it is a hybrid of three of the most powerful strains known to man. The bud had a fruity smell, and was covered in resin. I had to procure some scissors to cut it up small enough to roll a proper spliff. The high was instantaneous, the taste was exquisite. 1.5 tokes out of 5



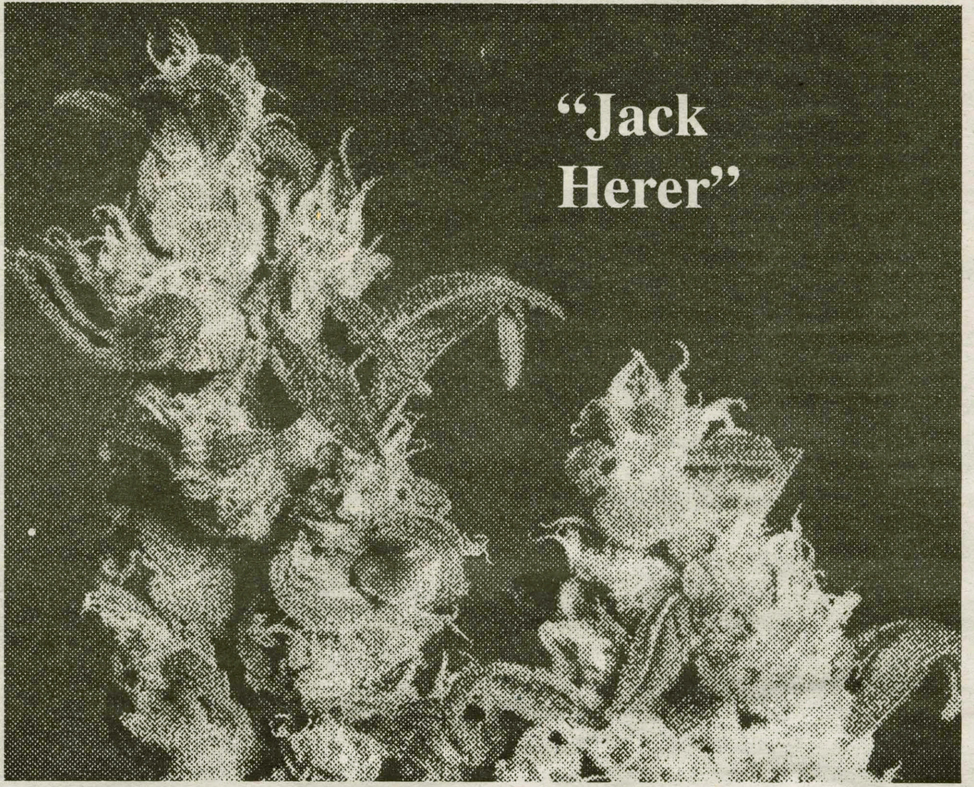
Greenhouse The Greenhouse has won numerous awards in the Cannabis Cup; the only one to win more is Sensi Seeds. This was by far my favorite shop, best music, nice cushy couches, and phenomenal weed. I tried many different strains from their menu. Of the organic strains available, I went with the Kali Mist. Kali Mist is a pure sativa with a high calyx to leaf ratio. The smoke was remarkably smooth and silky. A great sativa high, good for midday smoking. 2.5 tokes out of 5. Under the Hydro category I tried the Northern Lights #5, and the Super Silver Haze. The NL 5 left much to be desired; I think I got a bad batch. The buds were not that resinous; the high was nice, but I wanted something with a little more punch. 3 tokes out of 5. The Super Silver Haze was so covered with resin glands it was almost white. The smell was pungent and sweet. A heavy body and head high, this pot had narcotic effects, the only guy I saw finish his spliff was a Dutch guy and the spliff was 2/3 tobacco. By far this was the strongest strain I smoked on my trip. 1 toke out of 5. I also sampled the White Rhino, and the Great White Shark, but my state of mind was not conducive to a fair judgement.

Grey Area The Grey Area is the birthplace of the famed Bubble Gum strain. For this years Cannabis Cup the boys at the Grey Area unveiled the Double Bubble Gum. This bud had an amazing appearance. It had a sweet sugary bubble gummy smell, and was very well cured. The smoke was very smooth, and the taste was so pleasing it kept you craving more. This was the best organic weed I tried. 1 toke out of 5. I tried several varieties of Hash, focusing mainly on black handrubbed chara Hash. If there is one variety of Hash to smoke on your visit to Amsterdam it is Nepali Temple Balls, sold at the Bluebird coffeeshop. It had a deep black color, and gave of rich milky-white smoke, a sign of purity. It produced a very goofy high enjoyed in the comfortable setting of the Bluebird.

Official winners of the 12th Annual Cannabis Cup Cannabis Cup- Super Silver Haze, Greenhouse Coffeeshop; Hashish Cup- Dutch Flowers, Unique; Indica Cup- Paradise Sensi Star, Paradise Seeds; Sativa Cup- Jack Herer, Sensi Seeds; Best Coffeeshop- Rokerij

Wandering Birds Winners: Best Sativa- Jack Herer; Best Indica- SuperSkunk; Best Cross Breed- Super Silver Haze; Best Organic- Double Bubble Gum; Best Hash- Nepali Temple Balls

Keep in mind that due to the limited amount of time this wandering bird had to sample the seemingly endless varieties of marijuana and hashish only a selected few were sampled. Amsterdam is a wonderful city with plenty of sights to entertain you in your enlightened mental state. The Van Gogh museum, the Rijksmuseum, the Anne Frank House(Bad idea to go high), and the Heineken brewery are the highlights. If you enjoy the herbal sacrament, a visit to Amsterdam is essential. I hope this brief guide will aid you in your journey. Keep the Spear Burnin'!!!



Movie Reviews

Being John Malcovich

This is the first film to hit theaters since Bunuel's work that completely dismisses proper film structure. The script, written by newcomer Charlie Kaufman, disregards structure, form and acts, yet it works beautifully. *Being John Malcovich* is a breath of fresh air from the dull film industry. Spike Jonze, who normally directs music videos, brings originality, humor and intense emotions to this wonderful film.

The story follows Craig Schwartz (john Cusack), and out of work puppeteer who is hired by LesterCorp, an inefficient company located on floor 7 and a half of an old New York City building. While working, he finds a door behind a filing cabinet that is a porthole into the brain of actor John Malcovich. Schwartz decides to make this discovery a business with fellow worker Maxine (Catherine Keener), where people line up to enter Malcovich for 15 minutes and then are shot out next to the New Jersey Turnpike. The story becomes extremely complicated shortly after, with Schwartz's wife Lotte (Cameron Diaz), Maxine Schwartz and Malcovich in a complicated love quadrangle.

Being John Malcovich is weird in that John Malcovich does not play himself. Instead, he plays himself controlled by whoever is inside him. Schwartz makes him his puppet when inside his brain, and Malcovich even enters the porthole into his own brain, creating a Maya Deren-like scene. And why John Malcovich? It is not Malcovich's celebrity status that draws people to yearn for his brain, but the excitement of leaving their own lives and entering and controlling someone else's, even if it is only for 15 minutes at a time. Schwartz becomes obsessed with Malcovich's everyday activities. He watches him eat a piece of toast and then look into a mirror, picking his teeth. This film could have been *Being Peter Ringel* and it would have had the same effectiveness. The few answers the film affords adds to the beauty and mysteriousness of the film.

The acting is superb. We see a little *Dangerous Liaisons*, *Con Air*, and some originality in John Malcovich's performance. John Cusack may have finally broken from his Cheesy 80's actor status with Woody Allen's *Bullets Over Broadway*, last year's *The Thin Red Line* and this film. Catherine Keener as Maxine is sophisticated as always and much sexier than usual. Cameron Diaz is borderline unrecognizable as Schwartz's pet store owning wife, always dressed down with frizzy brunette hair. Also look for cameos from Charlie Sheen and Sean Penn, who add a little more spice to this already fire hot film.

Overall, despite its unorthodox script and weird plot, everything works in a harmoniously syncopated rhythm. *Being John Malcovich* is a real life moving Picasso that remains in your brain days after viewing it. Sure to be a cult classic for years to come, *Being John Malcovich* is original and witty, and possibly the best film of the year.

-Matt Olney

Besieged

Are you in the mood to rent a sophisticated drama? Thandie Newton and David Thewlis star in Bernardo Bertolucci's *Besieged*. Thandie Newton plays a young African woman whose husband is imprisoned by a corrupt government . She escapes to Rome where she becomes a housekeeper for Mr. Kinsky, an English recluse (Thewlis).

The journey towards independence brings her into the world of a brilliant man with a passion for his music. A villa in Rome plays host to a struggle between love and loyalty as the unexpected couple cannot escape their feelings for each other. Although virtually no words are spoken between Newton and Thewlis, Bertolucci uses breathtaking images and passionate music to display overwhelming emotion and internal struggles. When Kinsky admits his love he learns of Newton's personal obligation to facilitate the return of her husband.

The exquisite layering of respect, devotion and love provide an intimate look into the minds and hearts of two people who find themselves pushing the boundaries of love and obsession. *Besieged* is an excellent portrayal of European and African society and culture. The film's music is sophisticated and provocative as it conveys the power of love in a way words cannot possibly express. Each scene constitutes a visual masterpiece as the forbidden relationship matures from curiosity into desire. *Besieged* is an erotic story of two people, from different worlds, seeking an answer to the ultimate question, "What are the limits of passion?"

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Swimmers pull nine political refugees to safety in Florida

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Three Hamilton swimmers assisted a boat full of Cuban refugees over winter break this year. Near the end of the annual swimmer's training trip to Florida, Mike Ogurick '00, Adam Hoyt '01, and Sean Murphy '01 heeded a call for help from one of the refugees. Nine passengers had made the voyage from Havana, Cuba to Deerfield Beach, Florida until their boat swamped a few hundred yards from shore. The three students pulled the craft the remaining distance to shore.

While walking along the beach, Hoyt spotted the floundering craft in the distance. The three students entered the water and swam/dragged the aliens to shore.

The refugees, including five men, three women, and an infant were exhausted from their few hundred mile journey. They were given food by a passing group of LeMoyne College swimmers, also at Coral Springs for swim training. The Cubans rewarded the students by giving them the compass from their boat in appreciation for their stalwart efforts.

Soon after, the police arrived (alerted to the presence of the refugees by the LeMoyne Swimmers) and placed the family into custody of the Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS). The INS took the refugees to a detention center in Miami for a minimum five night stay. The refugees will be allowed to remain in the United States, provided they have relatives here.

Since the 1960's, thousands of Cubans have immigrated to the United States to flee Cuba's failing economy and communist rule. Unfortunately, impoverished Cubans too often risk their lives by illegally immigrating via makeshift boats filled with inadequate supplies, trying to reach the Florida coast.

Mike Ogurick '00 said about the event "It was very dark and we couldn't see much." In addition Ogurick mentioned that after the rescue the three swimmers left because they were unsure about the polices reactions to their efforts.

Adam Hoyt '01 remarked "After it was over, we were like 'what the &*%! just happened."

The nine refugees were lucky to have gotten so far without incident, and even more fortunate that the Hamilton and LeMoyne swimmers were there to save them when tragedy struck.

Commons Serves up Healthy Dose of Band-Aid Au Gratin

by Lisa Widowski '01
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The collection of Bon Appetit horror stories grew by one more last Wednesday evening. As Justin Tyler '01 sat down to a plate of potatoes au gratin for dinner at Commons, he never expected what would happen next. "I took the first bite, and I was like, there's something funny in my mouth," Tyler recounts. Next, Tyler discovered the culprit - a dirty Band-Aid in the potatoes. After finding the Band-Aid, Tyler approached the Bon Appetit employees on duty at Commons. After hearing his story, one worker asked him, "would you like another plate?" According to Annmarie Rossomano, general manager of Bon Appetit, her staff followed procedure and reacted professionally to the situation. Rossomano said that the manager of Commons immediately pulled the potato dish from the line, and asked Justin if there was anything else he could get him. Next, the manager went to the food preparation area and talked to everyone who prepared the food that evening. He also conducted a thorough inspection of all employees, and found that everyone was properly gloved, and no one had any signs of injury that would warrant a Band-Aid. Rossomano also mentioned that there was a surprise health inspection yesterday. The inspector noted that all employees, in every unit under Bon Appetit's control, were wearing gloves. Further, the inspector approved thermometers and temperature readings and concluded that Bon Appetit was in accordance with all regulations. "We believe we were acting properly - how that happened, we do not know," Rossomano said of the Band-Aid incident. Tyler has contacted the State Health Department and intends to pursue this matter further.

New Year Welcomed

By Cristen Sargent '01
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Those who attended Hamilton's convocation ceremonies Sunday night got a little taste of the past, a frank look at the present, and a plea for constructive communication for the future.

"...I believe that this institution is at the edge of a new level of greatness," said Thomas Schwarz, acting president. "We can achieve more."

The highlight of the evening, Schwarz's direct speech brought the crowd to laughter by using phrases like 'nattering nabob of negativism' and making reference to the film "Cool Hand Luke."

After an invocation by College Chaplain Jeff McArn, Dean of the Faculty Bobby Fong addressed the 600 gathered in Wellin Hall about the need for morality and goodness in academia.

"It is insufficient for the academy to look at the good, the whole, the beautiful without instilling it," he said. "Wisdom is more than knowledge, it is a matter of character. We must approach learning with a sense of humility and urgency, that what we know is good, is also what we live."

Nancy Thompson, acting dean of the faculty, also addressed the crowd and presented student prizes and awards.

Schwarz, next to the platform, pressed for the need for effective, correct information sharing and discussion between all facets of the Hamilton community ‹ trustees, administration, alumni, faculty and students. He did so with examples of when some did the exact opposite; a letter to the editor in a 3/5/99 issue of the Spectator from a student, which accused him of draconian policy-making without asking Schwarz first. Also, faculty members who say the board is returning to the past without any discussion, and board members who think the faculty doesn't work hard enough, but don't speak to the faculty about it.

"What I find most troublesome is that, like a family that invests its emotional baggage in every disagreement, we in the Hamilton family do so also," he said. "So the irony is this: what we are all trained to do Ñ ask questions, do research, test conclusions Ñ gets put aside because of the absence of an understanding of the facts, which then allows the conspiracy theorists to take over."

"I thought his speech was good until he started bashing the Spectator," said Mark, a first-year student who attended convocation. "It didn't seem fair."

There was some general confusion as to what role the Spectator editorial board had in the contents of the student's Mar. 5 letter, but the acting president graciously agreed to clarify his statements.

Schwarz also summarized his history with the college ‹ his years as a student during the 1960s, his twelve years serving on the board of trustees, and his role as a parent of a recent graduate. He thanked Professors Blackwood, Wertimer and J. Williams, who taught him.

As far as the College's future is concerned, he said, we must eliminate infighting and conspiring in order to be placed in the 'left-hand column' of college rankings ‹among the top few schools. Specifically, these two detriments must be eliminated in order to best reallocate financial resources and to reform the curriculum.

"I very much appreciated President Schwarz's comments on two things that I have felt strongly about myself: his and the board's vision for Hamilton to become one of the very top or 'left-hand column' colleges, and his railing against 'conspiracy theorists' who corrupt discussion of Hamilton affairs," said Patrick Reynolds, professor of biology and last year's chair of the faculty committee on academic policy.

"All who comprise the College have an obligation to ourselves to continually develop our academic reputation to the strongest level possible, and to realize that to be content with where we are is the first nod to mediocrity," he said.

Associate Dean of Students and Professor of Classics Barbara Gold echoed Reynold's remarks, and added that Schwarz's ideas about community-based decision making are Greek rooted, ones that are familiar and appealing to her.

Schwarz sternly concluded: "Do not attempt to read between the lines of what I just said. If you did not understand me, then I did not communicate clearly, but there was no hidden meaning, no subtleties."

Hot in 1999: the male thong

By Dan McAllister
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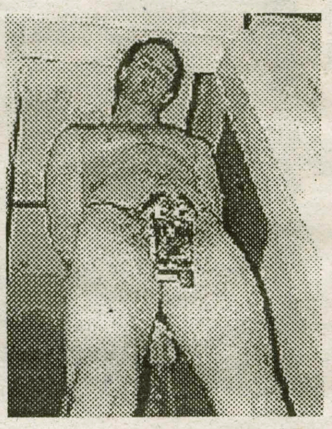

While visions of Monica have kept the women from buying G-Strings this season, men seem to be wearing them in record numbers. I first noticed this phenomenon when I wore my own fire engine red thong, which I had purchased in Rome at Sono il Gigolo, to a Bundy party. Many men, who had been initially reluctant to share the secret joys of G-Strings, began confiding in me that they, too, indulge from time to time.

At first, only a few people discussed their loinal proclivities, but then the waterfall began. One man received his, a beautiful sky blue number, from his girlfriend. Another buys his own to wear under business suits at job interviews, as he feels it brings out his more primitive, aggressive side. Most interesting of all, however, is the Alligator G-String owned by senior Dave Katz. The male unit fits into the snout, and with a little practice, one can make the jaws bite. Very sexy! Finally, as though gazing into the wide open jaws of Mr. Lizard weren't rewarding enough, when you squeeze the tongue, it plays a song. Rene Lacoste, eat your heart out.

millennium-1999 in Review

A lot has changed in the last 20 years...or has it?

Dan McAllister '99
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The following is a compilation of responses to a questionnaire given to students and faculty at Hamilton 20 years ago. The respondents were asked for their opinions on issues ranging from student life to academics. All responses were made anonymously.

"Weekend social life seems to center upon getting drunk. Finding a sex partner is a secondary but important goal. Students who do not drink are almost socially crippled on weekends."

"Any diversity, if it exists, is hidden by placing such individuals on Kirkland Campus instead of integrating them in with the WASPS on the Stryker side of campus."

"Hamilton has surpassed my expectations. This school is excellent. I only hope that I graduate!"

"Another point about student life at Hamilton-it is just not 'cool' to study too much. I'm a pretty well balanced individual; I get out frequently. But, because I also devote a great deal of time to my studies and have a high GPA many people dismiss me as a 'power tool' or 'wierd' and never even bother to get to know me."

"The issue is not whether fraternities are good or bad, but rather, what is to replace them. French clubs and poetry readings won't do it. When I was 20 years old, they wouldn't have done it for me either. Intellectual and cultural moralism cannot address questions concerning an interesting social life."

"Hamilton proves that, even with incredible resources, a good faculty, intelligent students, and even some good will, you can still have a 3rd-rate college if the President really wants it."

"My wife comments this is the first place she's ever lived where she was made to feel second-class because she's female."

"Hamilton College is a nice place to visit but, I wouldn't want to live there!!"

"I'd like to see the money spent on this absurdity used for something worthwhile."

"I would rate your questionnaire as worth an 'F'."

"I don't like the sudden 'revolt attitude' by many of the students on this campus. First there was Hamiltonians for Divestment. This group has a legitimate cause, but I don't like some of their methods. The things I hate the most are window paintings and shanty buildings. I want to go to a college that I enjoy looking at."

"The school needs more students, an improved social life and more girls. We have too many liberals here who cause trouble."

"Unfortunately, I have found that a large percentage of the Hamilton student body is composed of people who would rather be at a different college. This is mostly because people didn't get into the school of their choice when they were first applying. This breeds a feeling of dissatisfaction with the college and causes other people to reconsider whether they really want to be here. I think that Hamilton fails to live up to its reputation as a challenging academic institution. The courses are quite easy and cater to those students who are having the most difficulty in the class, rather than looking for a middle ground and giving extra help where needed or requested. The lack of minority students, and especially the lack of minority faculty, is appalling."

"The college has treated me well and fairly, giving me generous support and not using me as a Token Minority (well, not much-my photograph keeps appearing in the College Catalogue)."

Campus Safety Halts Festivities

by Lindy Roath'03
NEWS WRITER
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Rumors have abounded following the Campus Safety shut down of the Chi Psi farm party Saturday night. According to Assistant Director of Campus Safety Jay Duda, "The party was closed in the interest of public safety for noncompliance with the college's social regulations." At approximately midnight it was determined by Campus Safety that Bundy dining hall exceeded capacity and that there was underage drinking.

These violations, according to Campus Safety, warranted the closure of the party. Despite some student opinion that monitoring drinking is unprecedented at society functions, Duda said this was part of the role of Campus Safety in monitoring the overall security of the students and the campus. The Kirkland Police Department was not in attendance at the party and did not participate in the closing of the party. Campus Safety and Doyle, a private security company, were monitoring the party. Chi Psi attempted to alleviate the capacity problem by closing the doors, but individuals began to climb through the windows to gain access to the party. Doyle Security, hired by Chi Psi, and Campus Safety did not help keep the doors closed or stop individuals from using the windows as entrances.

The college requires that organizations hosting parties in Bundy hire an approved outside security company. Chi Psi was disappointed to find that while they complied with this regulation they received little assistance from the security company when the party began to grow too large. "We made every effort to comply with the college's regulations, and they still shut our party down. It is our big party of the semester, people have been working on the plans for several weeks and it was ruined," commented Chi Psi President Dave Kerwar '00. Confusion arose as to what exactly was supposed to occur when the party was shut down. According to Campus Safety, Chi Psi was told the party was to be shut down. Campus Safety officers then took the taps from the kegs and some students were told to leave. Campus Safety left with the keg taps while the party was still occupied by most students.

According to Campus Safety the party was disbanded and some individuals were allowed to remain in order to clean up. However, many students remained long after campus safety left and the band retook the stage, but alcohol was no longer served. Kerwar also observed that while the college's intentions to curb underage drinking and closely monitor parties are good, all of the possible ramifications have not necessarily been considered. "We feel [drinking] would be better in a social environment on campus where people are there to monitor one another, otherwise you have individuals drinking in their rooms, or off campus where they are driving," Kerwar stated. According to Kerwar, members of other societies are now looking to host more of their parties off-campus to avoid the same problems that Chi Psi encountered. If more parties are moved off-campus, concerns arise about the safety of students travelling between campus and the parties, as well as concerns that the college would not be there to monitor the party.

A report on the incident has been filed, and it is currently under investigation, but administrators haven't decided what, if any, disciplinary action will be taken. "I'm sure whatever decision Campus Safety makes will be the right decision," stated Chi Psi brother Rob Pollack '00. Prior to the farm party Chi Psi was under investigation for alleged violations of rushing rules. The fraternity was exonerated and would not have been able to host the party if that issue had not been resolved.

Twenty-two points, plus triple-word-score, plus fifty points for using all my letters. Game's over. I'm outta here.

Spectator Sports: victory and defeat in 1999

Crew team begins first spring as varsity sport: Team christens new boat "Donald Seyba '57"

by Heather Case '99
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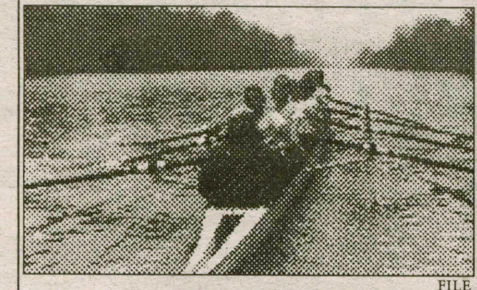
The Crew Team has jumped full force into its first spring season as a varsity sport. Crew is a two season sport but the spring season is by far more competitive with its 2,000 meter sprints. After a grueling regiment of winter training the team was eager to get on the water, unfortunately due to the long harsh winters of central New York the canal did not clear until a few days before the team's first race.

April 10 was the first race of the season, The Mercyhurst Invitational. Competing that day was Hamilton, Mercyhurst, and Buffalo varsity crews. The women's varsity 4 placed third, the women made a good showing for only being on the water a few days. Mercyhurst and Buffalo had been practicing on the water for over three weeks and already participated in two regattas.

The men's 4 also made an exceptional showing for only a week of water practice. For the first half of the race the men held of the competition and held onto first place but unfortunately in the last 500 meters of the race Buffalo pulled up, placing the men second.

This past weekend the entire team, varsity and novice, headed to the President's Cup. Unfortunately due to inclement weather conditions the regatta was canceled after only two races. The novice women's 8 finished fourth as did the novice men's 8, a respectable showing for both crews. The team is hoping for more favorable weather next weekend and looking forward to competing at Union's Gillman Cup and Plate Regatta.

On a side note, the team has received a new varsity men's 4. The boat was christened "Donald Seyba '57" on April 7 at the boathouse. The name honors Donald Seyba who was the man responsible for the purchasing of the new men's 8 this past fall by the class of 1957. Another equipment note the team has been short one cox box thus far for the spring season but at the President's Cup Regatta the entire team donated their meal money toward the purchase of a new cox box.



FILE
The crew team tests its new boat.

Baseball season gets off to a rocky start

by Art McCann '00
SPORTS WRITER
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The Hamilton College men's baseball team went into the 1999 season with high hopes.

The team, however, has not lived up to its own expectations. The Continentals traveled to Texas for spring break but were only able to attain a record of three wins and eight losses.

Hoping that the warm weather gave them the outdoor experience they so sorely needed after months in the field house, the team looked to this past weekend as a chance to turn things around.

On Friday, Hamilton played two games against the Saints of St. Lawrence. Out of the gates quickly, Hamilton took an early two to nothing lead. A pair of two out Hamilton errors, however, led to a seven run explosion by St. Lawrence and Hamilton was unable to recover. St. Lawrence won the first game 12-5.

The second game of the double-header ended in the suspenseful bottom of the seventh inning as Hamilton fought back from one run down and won the game on freshman Matt Marsallo's two out base-hit to right field. Hamilton came up to bat that last inning determined not to let another game slip away.

With two outs and runners on second and third junior cleanup hitter and co-captain Dino Mazzota walked and loaded the bases for junior Nick Moore who had homered earlier in the day. A wild pitch scored freshmen Aaron Tarr from third tying the game at 5-5.

After Moore drew a walk and loaded the bases Marsallo stepped into the box and came threw with the clutch game winning hit. The split against St. Lawrence brought the Continental's record to 4 wins and 9 losses going into Saturday.

Saturday's twin bill against Clarkson resulted in another split. Clarkskon won the first game 8-7 and the Continentals won game two 9-5 with sophomore Andy Berman pitching well and getting the win.

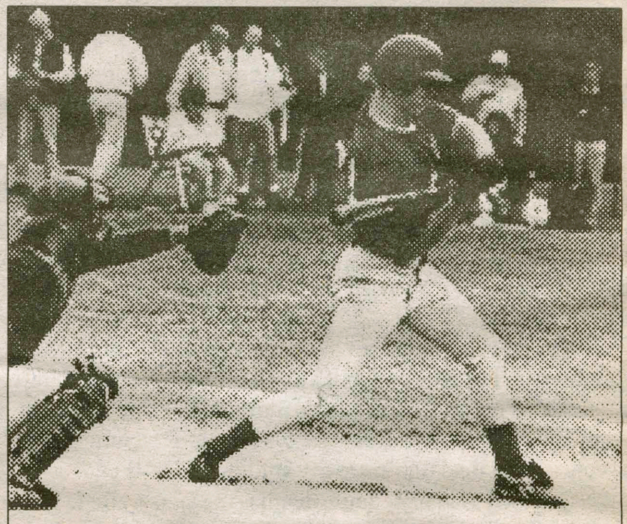
While Hamilton's bats have been hot, averaging over six runs per game and the pitching of Berman and seniors Joe Rowbottom and co-captain Tim Fazio has been consistent, it has been the teams defense that has led to large amounts of unearned runs. Catcher Dino Mazzotta said, "If we sure up our defense our record will improve, the key to this coming weekend is the defense.'

One bright spot has been the team's offense with four different players hitting homeruns this weekend: Nick Moore (2), junior outfielder Sam Bono, Marsallo, and junior first baseman Brian Grady. Grady, who hit the ball hard all weekend said, "I've been reading the pitchers really well, picking up their release point and recognizing what they're throwing at me.'

This weekend the team travels to the University of Rochester and Rochester Institute of Technology. Tim Fazio hopes the team can turn things around, "This was a bad weekend for us last year. Hopefully, we can win three of four and get back into contention in the UCAA.'

While the Continentals have struggled, anyone who has watched them knows they have the talent and the potential to turn their season around.

Hopefully, with the return of sophomore outfielder Steve Guillette from injury and improved defense the team can begin to meet some of their own expectations.



FILE
Tim Fazio '99 tried to hold up his swing.

Schmiegel saves the day at Union;

Scores last six points to give Coach Tom Murphy his 500th win

by Peter Ringel '01
SPORTS EDITOR
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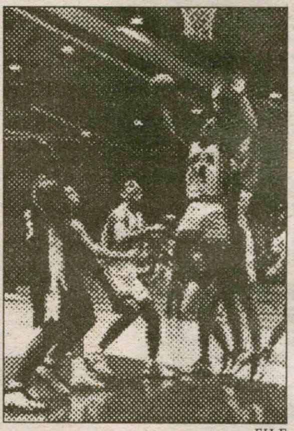
Nothing was going right for the Continentals on a cold, dreary Saturday in Schenectady. Head basketball coach Tom Murphy had won his 499th game the night before when the Continentals defeated RPI 70-66. But what was supposed to be a relatively easy win for the Continentals ended up being a grueling battle between Hamilton and the upstart Dutchmen. But Murphy was not to be denied on this day despite many factors working against him.

The officiating, which has been noticeably poor in recent games, continued to be terrible for most of the game. Despite a technical foul called against Murphy, a poor first half shooting the basketball, and All-American forward Michael Schantz '99 fouling out with over eight minutes left in the game, the team would make a brilliant comeback. Down 40-32 at the half, the Continentals looked all but finished with about eight minutes left in the second half when Schantz fouled out and the club faced a double-digit deficit.

Enter center Jon Schmiegel '99. The Continentals had crawled back to within two points of Union with three minutes left in the game after shooting guard Jimmy McCarthy '01 nailed a clutch three-point shot to bring the many Hamilton fans to their feet. After another Continental basket, Schmiegel got the ball in the low post and hit a lay-up to give the Continentals their first lead of the second half with 2:48 remaining. But Schmiegel was not done. He established solid position close to the basket on the next two possessions and hit two more lay-ups to put the game away with 1:07 left, as Hamilton went up 84-79. Point guard Lamar Johnson '99 and forward Kris Fudge '01 both had important defensive rebounds in the last minute of play to seal the 84-79 win for the team and give Murphy his 500th victory. Schmiegel finished with 35 points and 17 rebounds in his best game of the season.



FILE
Lamar Johnson drives to the hoop.

Schmiegel's first game of the season was against Skidmore, so has he finally found his groove? "I was playing up to my potential before the Union game," said Schmiegel. "The coaches have been working hard in practice with me."

Are his teammates surprised at what Schmiegel has done since his return? "I'm not surprised, because a lot of our success is due to Jon," said Schantz. "We have been together for four years, and we feed off each other well. It's great to have him back."

Some fans have pointed to the fact that the Continentals have struggled since Schmiegel returned. In short, they were 5-0 without Schmiegel, and 4-3 with him. But any knowledgeable fan knows that the team is much better with Schmiegel and boasts one of the strongest front lines in the country with Schantz, Schmiegel, and Stroman.

"We're used to playing together by now," Schmiegel laughed. "But we've been a little mixed up. We aren't screening as much as we should, but we have played the last few years together and know exactly what we both do."

Murphy added, "I'm not surprised by our record, because there are a lot of good teams out there. I mean Amherst beat Williams by twenty points so any team can beat any other team. We haven't played well since Jon has come back, but he has played very well. We've gone from an offense with one post player to an offense with two, but it's all a timing thing. We'll be better in the end like last year when we had two post players, and we were great. But we were off for 32 days and then went to Skidmore and it's tough being off for that long, but that's our schedule. The biggest problem is that we are not playing well offensively and need to execute better. We keep digging holes for ourselves and at Union we came out, but at St. Lawrence we couldn't come back. We just haven't been consistent at all."

The Continentals must travel to Massachusetts on Friday to play Tufts, then face Bates the next afternoon. Bates Continentals, and Murphy admitted it will not be an easy road trip.

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appeared to give even bigger preferences to athletes, following several seasons of football mediocrity. That year, the proportion of athletes admitted with an academic rating of 4 rose substantially from the year before, to 52.6 from 32.4 percent."

Take a minute and digest that mouthful from the Chronicle. Amherst took measures to improve its athletic teams. There is nothing wrong with that. I would argue the best solution is to recruit the best student athletes possible. Murphy agreed, saying, "I think we have a good coaching staff and terrific kids. We will see the results of all the hard work the athletes and coaches put into their sports in the near future. Ultimately, we want to be successful in every sport we have and believe me, it can be done."

I want to take a minute to voice my displeasure with Head Football Coach Steve Frank's decision to "resign" this past week. I know there is more to this "resignation" than is being discussed "on the record" by many in the Hamilton community. I have information that I was told not to print at this time, but I have not spoken with Frank personally about his decision yet. For 15 years, Frank patrolled the sidelines for the Continentals, leading Hamilton to nine winning seasons. He was well respected by his players - both past and present. Between 1985 and 1996, Frank amassed a record of 53-42-1. You would be hard pressed to find a coach outside of Williams' head football coach, Dick Farley, with a better record over those 12 seasons than Frank.

I wrote a few weeks ago of my support for Frank, but I guess those with the power to force the coach to "resign" did not heed my advice and allow him the courtesy to stay for at least one more season. It is disheartening to learn that after 15 years of service at Hamilton, Frank could not leave on his own terms. I wish Frank, who always was genuine, honest, sincere, accessible, and more than anything a classy guy, the best of luck in whatever direction he decides to go next year.

Men's hoops defeats Utica College

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juniors will have some help from Noah Hammond '02, who looks to fill the void at the center position. Hammond said of the new look Continentals, "I think we have more threats this year, rather than relying on one person like we did at times last year. This year everyone gets a chance to contribute." Indeed Hammond is correct, as the every Continental saw time against Utica on Tuesday.

In their season opener against Utica College, the Continentals were victorious, dropping the Pioneers 84-70. The first half of the game was a very even contest with neither team leading by more than five points. Hamilton went into halftime with a 41-36 lead after going on a 5-0 run to end the half.

The second half started out much the same as the first, with each team trading baskets. Then Hamilton finally broke out on a 19-8 run behind the hot shooting of Ferretti and McCarthy. With just over nine minutes left in the game the Continentals took a commanding 62-50 lead. From there it was smooth sailing, as the Continentals took control of the game and put the Pioneers away.

Hamilton struggled on the boards and Utica took advantage out-rebounding the Continentals 44-36. This could be a cause for concern as the season progresses. Head coach Tom Murphy said, "The rebounding hurt us tonight. We're a small team and we have to do a better job of blocking out if we're going to get rebounds."

Hamilton was led by Ferretti who had 23 points, and McCarthy who added 20. Kris Fudge '00 and Ferretti led the team in rebounds with seven and six respectively. Co-captain Driggs dished out 5 assists in thirty solid minutes of play.

The Continentals take to the road this weekend to face Clarkson and St. Lawrence. Hamilton opens it home schedule in two weeks with games against Skidmore and Union before breaking for the holidays.

Women's X-C places 7th at nationals

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Hull summed up the season by saying, "I'm very proud of what this team has accomplished this year. We had very active captains who believed in the program and some underclassmen with a very positive attitude. I hope the trip to nationals becomes a yearly event!" Next year's team has the potential to be even better than this year's team because the only senior on the team is Vars, although her leadership will be missed and she will be hard to replace.

Vars said, "There are five spots for the Atlantic Region teams for next year's National Championships. I think that there is a very good chance that the team will qualify again." In fact the team should be very good for the next several years, as three of this year's top seven runners are freshman, and Hill will be the only senior on the team next year.

Hanson said about the future, "Next season looks promising, but we'll miss Lesley a lot. Her leadership played an integral part in our success." The team will try to improve its standing in the NESCAC and remain the #1 team in the NYSCTC and Atlantic region. Now the team looks to continue its success into the indoor track and field season.

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Hamilton Sports Round-up

Men's Squash (1-1)

November 20, 1999:
Hamilton 5 - St. Lawrence 4

Hamilton team members who won matches included Dave Beslow '00, Ben Pastor '01, Phil Cameron '02, Brad Little '03, and Samir Terko '02

Vassar 9 - Hamilton 0

Upcoming matches:
This Satruday at home vs. Rochester 1pm.

Women's Squash (2-0)

November 20, 1999:
Hamilton 9 - Vassar 0

Azure Davey '00 won her match with a perfect score of 9-0.

Hamilton 6 - St. Lawrence 3

Hamilton team members who won matches included Eileen Wildman '01, Azure Davey '00, Christa Sinclair '00, Amanda Chaimovitch '00, Sarah Quinlin '01, Sarah Taylor '03.

St. Lawrence was ranked 15th in the country in preseason squash polls.

Upcoming matches:
This weekend at the Wesleyan Round-Robin.

Men's Swimming

compiled by Andy Horner '03

The men's swim team beat both Hartford and Ithaca two weekends ago. Top performers included D.J. Postles '00 (1000 and 500 meter freestyle), Anthony Loeffler '01 (50 and 100 free style), Scott Carlton '01 (1 and 3 meter diving). Hamilton won 400 meter realy behind Postles, Loeffler, Dan Bordoni '01, and Paul O'Donnell '01. This weekend will be the UAA championship, and the men are the defending champs and are hoping for a successful defense of their title.

Women's Swimming

compiled by Chris Preston '03

Meet vs. Hartwick, Ithaca: The meet was at Hamilton, and the Continentals beat both teams. It was the first time since 1990 Ithaca had lost in a dual meet—an 82 meet streak, one of the longest in Division 3.

Outstanding Swimmers: Brook Hegarty '02—won 200, 500 Jennifer Kunz '01—won 50, 100 (co-captain) Anne Fedak '03—won 1000, 500 Cady Kashner '03—Qualified for nationals in 1 meter dive and won the meet's 1 meter dive

Meet this Weekend at Union in UCAA championships.

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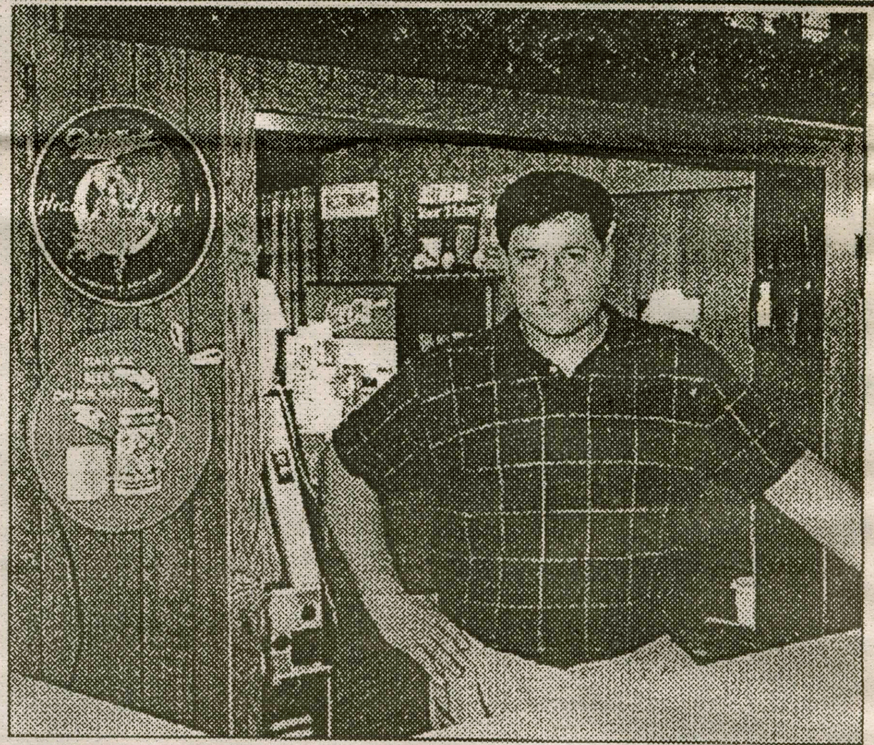
New York City Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani congratulate Sports Editor Peter Ringel '01 on his victory in "Beat the Experts." Giuliani reminded folks that it was Ringel's third win in 4 semesters



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Men's Hockey begins season in disappointing way

by David Zane '02
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's hockey season has started off on a down note, with the Continentals losing their first three games of the season.

The annual Citrus Bowl game against Colby was everything a hockey fan could ask for. The White Mules took a 1-0 lead into the second period, but at 19:18 in the second period Chris Baudo '00 scored the Continentals first goal of the season and what followed was a sea of orange. The game was stopped and the two teams left the ice so that the oranges could be cleaned off the ice. Both teams returned to the ice to play the end of the second period. The final period began without the customary intermission due to the delay for cleaning the ice. Early in the third, Colby's Steve Cunningham scored the game-winning goal for the White Mules to send the Continentals to their second straight Citrus Bowl loss.

This was a particularly frustrating game for the Continentals as they outplayed their counterparts from Maine almost across the board. The one thing that hurt the Continentals was their inability to put the puck away. "Our work ethic and intensity was there, we just tightened up in the offensive zone," said head coach Phil Grady.

The Continentals took the ice the following afternoon to face a Bowdoin squad that was fresh off a win over Skidmore.

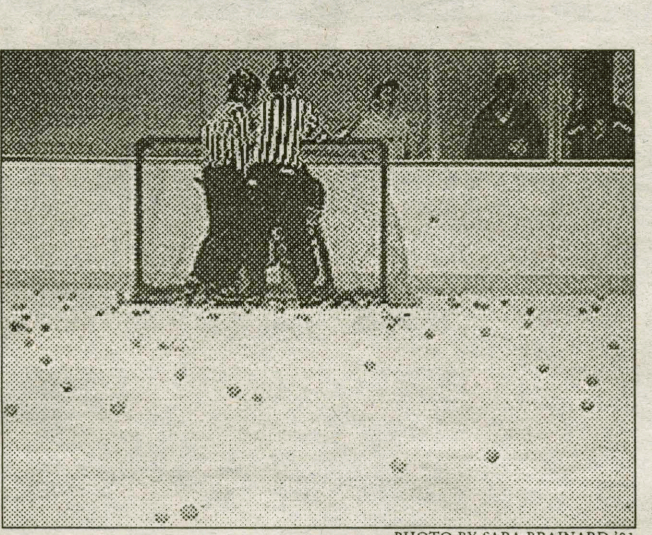


PHOTO BY SARA BRAINARD '01

Referees risk being pelted by oranges in order to protect Colby goalie Greg Stutman.

Again, Hamilton would be playing catch-up as the Polar Bears scored early in the first quarter. Corey Dorzek's '01 goal in the second knotted the game at one, but Bowdoin came right back to take the 2-1 lead. Just as hope seemed to be fading, Baudo came through with a clutch short-handed goal in the third period, thus forcing overtime.

In overtime, Hamilton had a lot of trouble putting the puck away and finishing their plays, according to Coach Grady. The Continentals were unable to escape the opening weekend with a victory as John Farni of the Polar Bears slipped the puck past Scott Grenier '00 to give Bowdoin the 3-2 overtime victory.

This past Tuesday, Hamilton faced an Elmira team that was ranked ninth in the nation. Hamilton came out ready to play, scoring the first goal to jump out to an early lead. But, the Continentals were unable to maintain the momentum they had gained, as Elmira scored three unanswered goals to end the first period. "We relaxed after the first goal and let Elmira back into the game," said Coach Grady. Hamilton went on to score a goal in the second to bring the score to 3-2, but after that point it was all Elmira. They scored three goals in a row again to take a commanding 6-2 lead. Baudo netted a goal late in the third, but it was too little too late, as the Continentals dropped their third in a row.

Despite the three losses, there have been some bright spots for the Continentals. Vic Cizmarik '01 had three assists against Elmira. Baudo, one of the team's captains, has scored a goal in each of the Continentals three games thus far. "He [Baudo] has taken the bull by the horns and shown us the way on the ice," Grady said.

Grady still maintains his team's goal is to enter winter break with a winning record. This will be no easy task as this weekend the Continentals will face perennial powerhouse Williams on Friday and then will take on Massachusetts College on Saturday. Next weekend the Continentals will host Geneseo, Manhattanville, Oswego at the Hamilton Invitational Tournament.

In order to reach their goal the Continentals will have to win all four of their remaining games before break, but as Hamilton hockey fans know, anything can happen on any given night in the ECAC.

Women's basketball drops season opener to Utica

by Lauren Reynolds '02
SPORTS WRITER

The women's basketball team opened up the 1999 season with a close game against across town rival Utica College. The Lady Continentals dominated the first half and were up by ten points with only a few minutes remaining in the half. Utica battled back in the second half to win, 68-63 Captain Abby McDermott '01 looks to the first half of the game as a sign of things to come. "Overall, the team executed well, out-rebounding Utica 43-40, especially dominating the offensive boards," she said.

The Continentals will look to convert these rebounds to points and to make better decisions when breaking the press on this weekend's trip to Clarkson and St. Lawrence. The Continentals are led this year by captains Sabrina Valenta '00 and McDermott. McDermott, returning for her third season, stepped up her play against Utica. She showed a vast improvement from last year and will be a huge asset to the team. Valenta brings to the floor not only her abilities under the boards but also a great work ethic and determination to take the team to a higher level. Coach Diehl called Valenta and McDermott "great role models" and relies on them to help the team gel. Returning from the sophomore class are Amanda Siepiola, Jenny Russell, Liz Buckley, Brenna Chiaputti and Karen Pogonowski. Siepiola, Russell and Chiaputti gained a lot of experience last year as starters. As a whole, the sophomores bring a season of experience as well as a summer and fall of intense play to the floor.

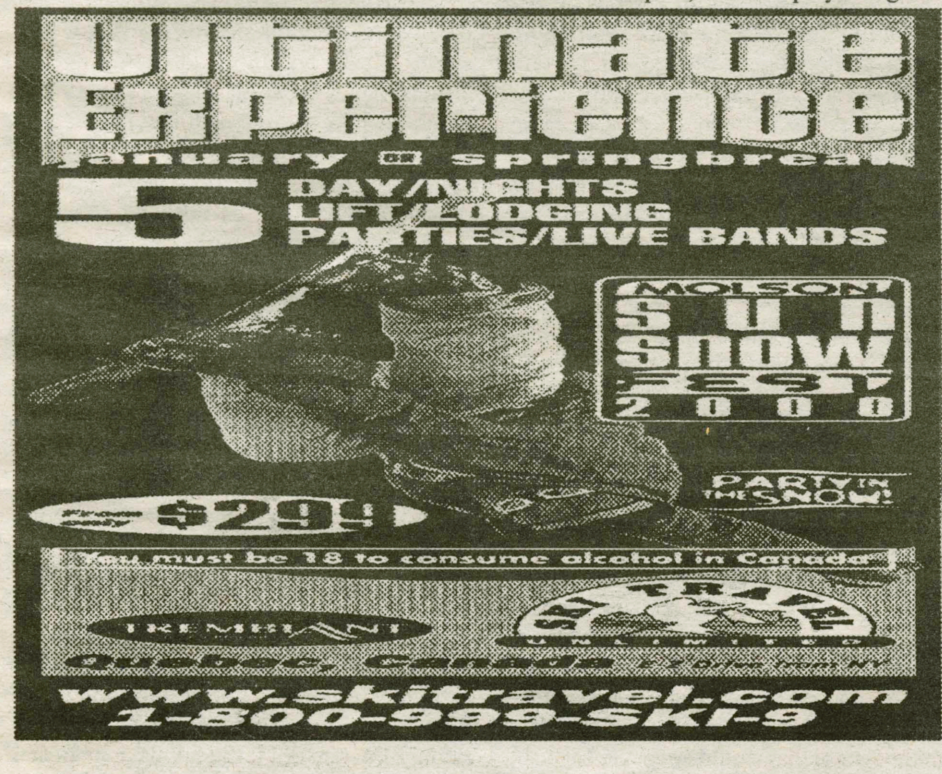
Siepiola played a great game against Utica, leading the team with 17 points and three steals. Coach Diehl praised Siepiola's great defense and improved consistency in shooting. Russell, a returning starter, also played well for Hamilton, using her patented double pump fake and drive to get past opponents. She has a nice perimeter shot and has been making better decisions at the shooting guard position. Pogonowski broke into the starting line-up this season. She shot 50% from the field against Utica, and was the team's second leading rebounder. Rounding out the sophomore squad are Chiaputti, a returning starter, and forward Buckley. The team will look to Chiaputti to create plays and for her solid shooting skills. Buckley, a menace in the post, will also play a large role for the Continentals.

The Continentals loss of three seniors to graduation will require this year's freshman class to step up their play. Liz Casey '03, one of the first subs off the bench, is probably the most physically fit player on the team. She has a nice range of shots and distributes the ball well. With a little more confidence in her shooting abilities, Casey will be able to take some of the pressure off Russell and Siepiola at point. Lindsay Schantz '03, coming straight from a successful tennis season, has strong ball handling skills and a sweet outside shot. Lara Baron '03 has great post moves and good versatility.

Diehl commented, "Lara has the ability to shoot off the dribble, which is uncommon for most posts." Avery Anderson, an outstanding defensive player, will be making a big contribution in the post this year as well. Playing the small forward position, Jess Sexton has a nice outside shot and good versatility. Rounding out this year's freshman squad is Stephanie Dunne, who unfortunately tore her ACL prior to the season. Though she will miss most if not all of this season, Diehl commented that she will be making a contribution in the years to come. Pogonowski commented that the freshmens' hard work will, "add to a strong base that we are constantly improving upon."

Though this year's team is extremely young, they are much deeper in talent and more well rounded in positions than last year's guard loaded team. Though McDermott feels it will take time for the team to completely gel, she has a lot of faith in the potential of the team. The Continentals play a very tough schedule, including five teams that went to the NCAA tournament last year.

Diehl commented that while St. Lawrence, William Smith, Williams and Bowdoin will be some of their fiercest opponents, no one on their schedule will be an easy win. McDermott added that the team is looking for improvement in both leagues, especially the UCAA.



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Frank resigns as head coach of football

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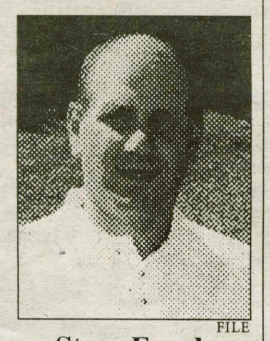
According to Director of Athletics Tom Murphy, the search for a new head coach has already begun. Ads have been placed on the Internet and in NCAA news publications and applications have already found their way to Murphy's mailbox. In fact, Murphy said that he has already received calls from potential candidates. The candidates that have contacted him range from Division I to Division III coaches.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Steve Frank

There are many concerns as to the effect this could have on the recruiting process, which would normally be in full swing. Murphy said that in order to minimize disruptions to this process he hoped to have a coach in place by Jan. 15, 2000.

Murphy said that out of the hundred or so applications he expects to receive, a committee will whittle down the pool to between three and five candidates. These people will then be brought to campus where they will meet with deans, administrators, football players, and professors of physical education. Murphy stressed that the players themselves along with the members of his department will have a large say in who is hired as the next coach, because these are the people that will deal with that person on a daily basis.

Meanwhile, Frank said that he sees football in his future. "I am going to take stock and see what lies ahead . . . I'm just going to see what opportunities arise."

Women's cross-country boasts two All-Americans in Toth and Hanson

by Michael Everheart '02
SPORTS WRITER

Saying that the women's cross-country team ended its season on a high note by finishing seventh at the Division III NCAA Championships is an understatement. In what Coach Ellen Hull called "our best meet of the year," the team accomplished all that it had wanted to and much more, beating the three other teams from its region and posting two All-Americans in sophomores Maggie Hanson and Annie Toth.

Hull added, "It's always great to have everything come together at the right time. The team kept focused on what it wanted to accomplish without becoming overwhelmed with all the excitement of being at nationals."

Additionally, six out of the seven runners had their best times ever on a very fast course at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Hanson and Toth finished seventh and thirtieth overall, respectively, with times of 17:11.9 and 17:38.2. Toth said about the team's dedication, "We could not have done it without the 100% effort of all members of the team, nor without Coach [Hull]."

Hanson was twenty-five seconds behind the winning runner. She said about the meet, "Everything really came together for us in the last two weeks of the season. I couldn't be happier-Coach [Ellen Hull] received the [Atlantic Region] Coach of the Year Award, we finished in the top ten at Nationals, were the first team to finish from our region, and we had an awesome time in Wisconsin."

PHOTO COURTESY OF MAGGIE HANSON '02
The Women's Cross Country team celebrates their seventh place finish at the NCAA meet.

Jen Cammarano '03 finished third on the team and eighty-first overall with a time of 18:07.6, and was followed by co-captain Emily Hill '01, who finished one hundred ninth with a time of 18:22.4.

Hill tried to put the meet atmosphere into words. "Up until race time-dance tunes blaring over the loudspeaker, long lines at the porta-potties, coaches quickly dishing out last minute advice, tense and excited runners warming up and frantically looking for shoes, pulling off their warmups, the national anthem and then the crack of the starting gun-hundreds of screaming fans lining the course, a tightly packed mass of speedy runners moving along as one-all combined to produce an incredible amount of energy, excitement and adrenaline."

Rounding out the top five runners was Sara Roitman '03, who finished one hundred fifty-seventh with a time of 18:47.4. Co-captain Lesley Vars '00 finished one hundred ninety-second with a time of 19:19.4 and Tricia Kowalski '03 finished two hundred twelfth with a time of 21:07.5. The seventh place finish is the best ever for a men's or women's cross-country team, and proves that this 1999 team is the best women's team ever.

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"Tiering" sports at Hamilton College

Part III of a III part series

PETER RINGEL
The Ringel Angle

Hamilton College is at a crossroads. Many NESCAC schools are grappling with the problem of balancing academics and athletics. How do we strike a balance between Hamilton's goal of being a competitive athletic institution and Hamilton's goal of being among the best liberal arts schools in the nation?

One suggestion being talked about is "tiering" our sports. Admissions and athletics would work hand-in-hand (there's a nice thought) to recruit for three different levels or "tiers" of sports.

"Tiering" is done at many institutions, but is used more at the Division I level. However, there are many schools that "tier" their sports within the Upstate College Athletic Association (UCAA). Some schools have Division I hockey programs and spend more extravagantly and recruit harder for hockey than they do for other athletic teams. "Tiering" sports at Hamilton would work as follows: The first level would include those sports "perceived" by the athletic director, the dean of admissions, and perhaps some other key players (the President, big alumni, trustees) as most crucial to Hamilton's athletic department. Those sports would receive considerable help and attention to guarantee their success. I know what you are thinking, but hold on a second. The second tier would involve sports that are "marginally" important in the eyes of the aforementioned key players. They would get some help from admissions and would be able to get some athletes in, but would not be as successful as those sports that are deemed more important (and that occupy "first tier" status). And finally, the third tier sports would for all intents and purposes be on their own. The coaches of those teams would have to recruit players without any help from admissions.

The problem with this idea is obvious. How can you tell certain coaches that their sports teams are not as important as others? Who would want to admit that certain sports are not as popular as others? And would women's sports teams (which already occupy a backseat to men's teams in many sports) be hurt more by "tiering" sports? I don't think anyone can answer these questions fairly at this time, because no one knows how this plan would be instituted. However, women's sports and men's sports would be equally represented at each "tier" or level. In other words, there would not be more first tier men's teams than women's teams.

Hamilton Athletic Director Tom Murphy made it abundantly clear that he is against "tiering" sports here. "I think every student athlete should be treated equally, regardless of the sport they play," he admitted. "We want to provide the best possible experience for all our student athletes. The decision about 'tiering' would have to be made by others and would come down from above."

It is no secret that Hamilton's admissions office helps coaches get some players into the school that would not get in based on "academics" alone. But Hamilton is not alone in its struggles with athletics and academics. Amherst College has recently been at the forefront of a rather large scandal. In a Nov. 19 article in The Chronicle of Higher Education, regarding faculty at Amherst questioned the academic qualifications of some athletes. The article stated that Amherst is, "facing new evidence that the athletes it admits have academic credentials much less impressive than those of the rest of the student body."

In short, the article proved what many of us suspected: Amherst's athletic teams receive considerable help from the admissions office in recruiting athletes. Since the article was not seen by many at Hamilton, here's a short sample of the evidence presented in the article: "During the years covered by the study (1989-1998), Amherst ranked applicants in five groups, based on their academic performances in high school as measured by standardized-test scores, class rank, course work, and 'intellectual curiosity.' Top students received a rating of 1; those in the lowest group received a 5. Amherst rejected all applicants with a 5. Students with 4's and 3's rarely got in; only 5 percent of those with a 4 rating and 9.7 percent of those with a 3 rating were admitted between '89 and '98, according to the study, which was conducted by the Faculty Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid.

"However, nearly half (48.2 percent) of the recruited athletes in the category 3 were admitted during the same period, along with 33 percent of the recruited athletes with a rating of 4. In 1994, the admissions office

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Men's Hoops opens season with a win

by David Zane '02
SPORTS EDITOR

The 1999-00 version of the Hamilton basketball team is vastly different from last year's squad.

With the loss of Division III player of the year Michael Schantz along with Jon Schmiegel and Max Stroman, the Continentals will to look for new leaders on a squad that does not include one senior. Juniors Jim McCarthy, Brendan Ferretti, and Jimmy Driggs will have to step up into leadership roles, and from the looks of Tuesday night's contest these three

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